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To the wonderful librarian in my community, Bonnie Unsworth

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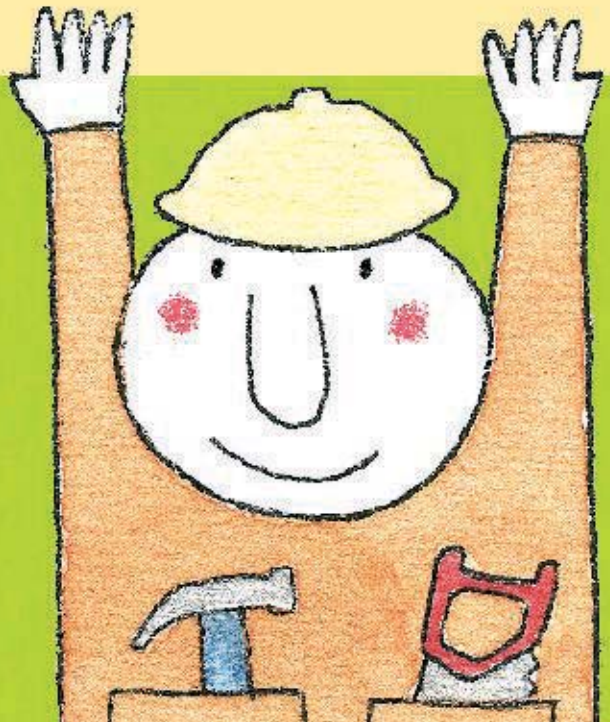
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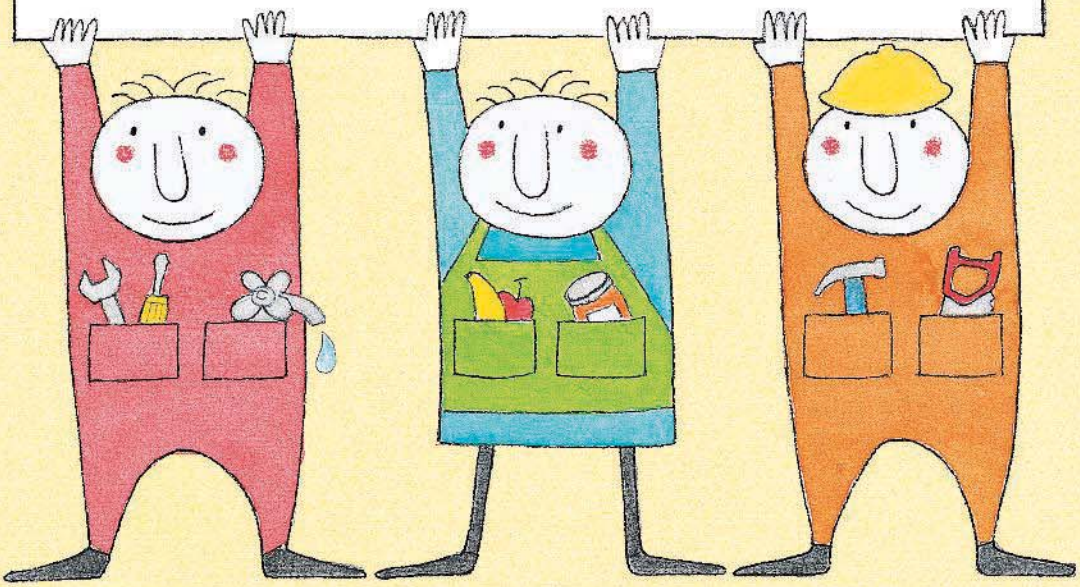
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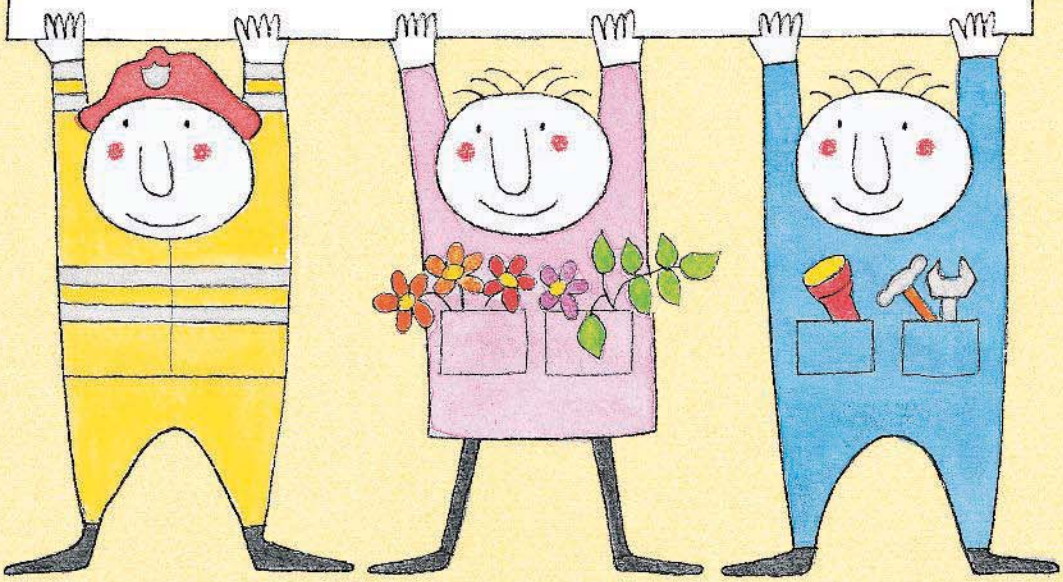
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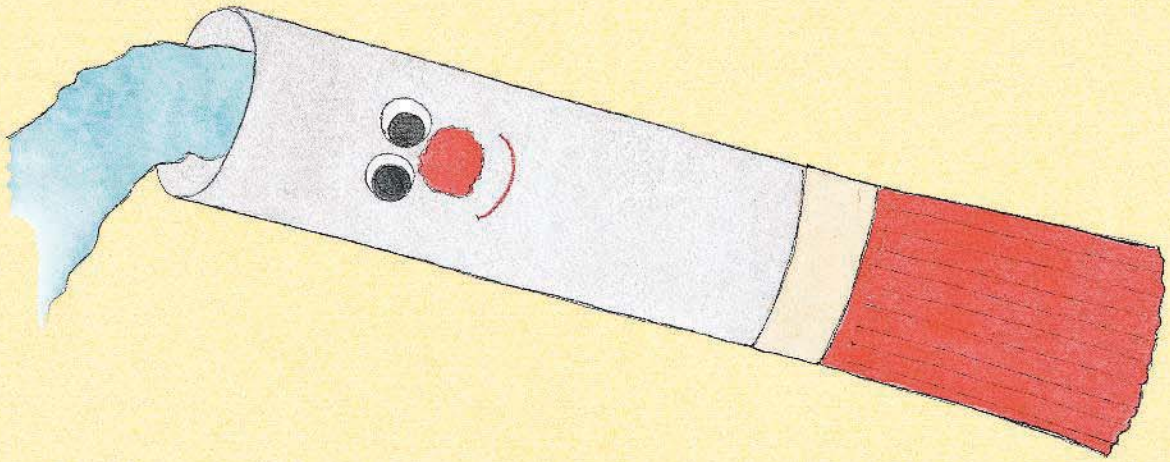
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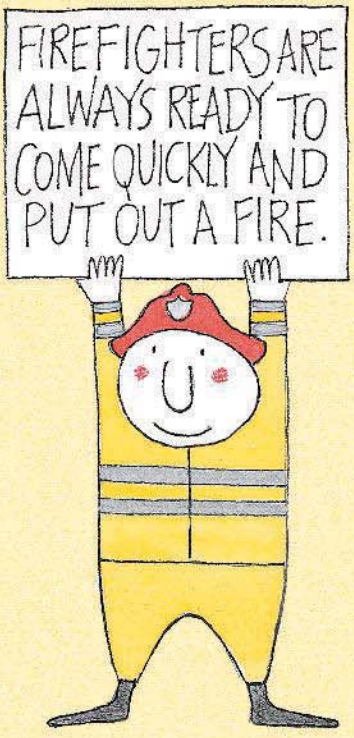


Squirting Hose Puppet



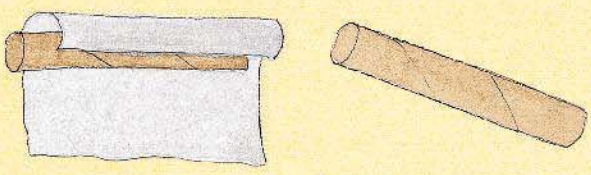
Here is what you need:

- old sock, red if possible
- stapler
- two cardboard paper towel tubes
- scissors
- blue plastic wrap
- red pom-pom
- aluminum foil
- masking tape
- two large wiggle eyes
- red permanent marker
- white craft glue



Here is what you do:

1. Wrap one of the tubes with aluminum foil to form the nozzle of the hose.



2. Glue the two wiggle eyes on the side of the nozzle. Glue the red pom-pom under the eyes for a nose. Use the red marker to give the hose puppet a mouth.

3. Cut the cuff off the old sock. Use masking tape to attach the cut-off cuff of the sock to the bottom end of the tube so that it hangs down to form a cuff to put your hand in.

4. Cut all the way up one side of the second cardboard tube so that the tube can wrap around itself.

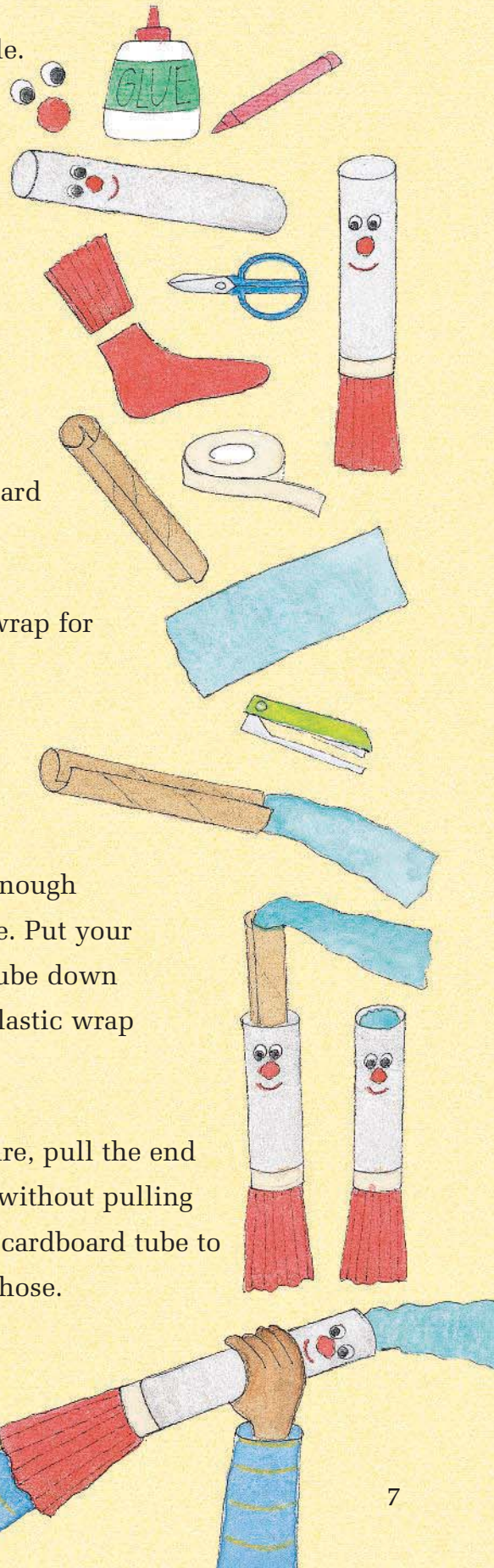
5. Tear off an 18-inch (46-cm) strip of blue plastic wrap for the water.

6. Staple one end of the wrap in one end of the cut tube.

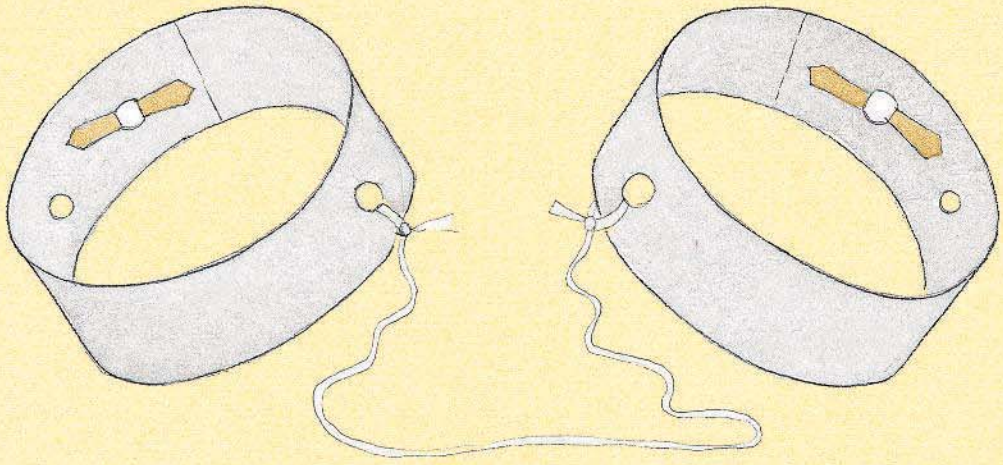
7. Squeeze the tube around itself to make it small enough around to slip down inside the top of the hose nozzle. Put your hand up into the cuff and pull the end of the small tube down to the edge of the bottom of the cuff. Stuff the blue plastic wrap into the top end of the nozzle.

8. To make the puppet squirt "water" to put out a fire, pull the end of the inner cardboard tube down as far as it will go without pulling the end out of the nozzle tube. Push up on the inner cardboard tube to make the blue plastic wrap "water" squirt out of the hose.

Whooooooooosh! And the fire is out!



Handcuffs



Here is what you need:

two 9-ounce (266-ml) disposable plastic cups

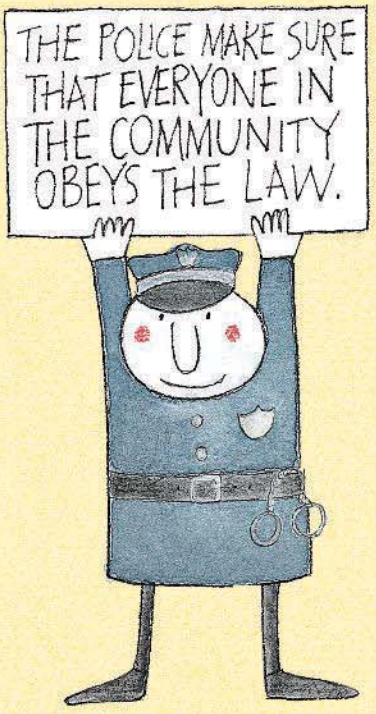
aluminum foil

scissors

two paper fasteners

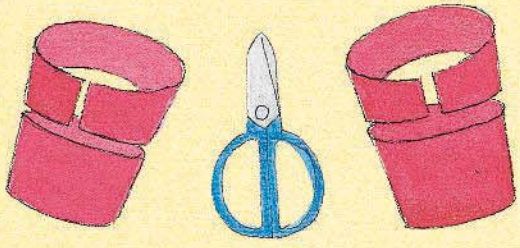
string

hole punch



Here is what you do:

1. Cut a 1-inch (2.5-cm) wide band from the top of each cup by cutting down 1 inch from the top, then cutting around the cup.



2. Cover the two bands with aluminum foil to make them look like two silver handcuffs.

3. Punch two holes about an inch apart in one of the cut ends of each cuff. This will make the cuffs adjustable to fit a small and larger wrist size.

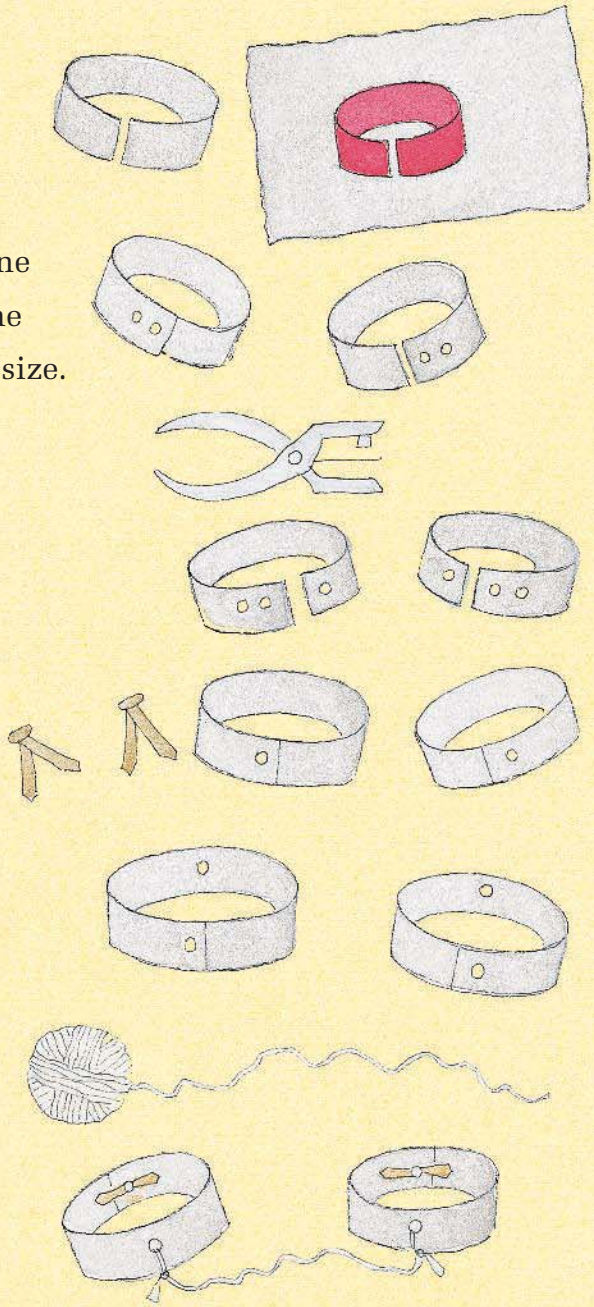
4. Punch one hole in the other cut end of each cuff.

5. Use a paper fastener through a hole on each side of each cuff to close the cuffs.

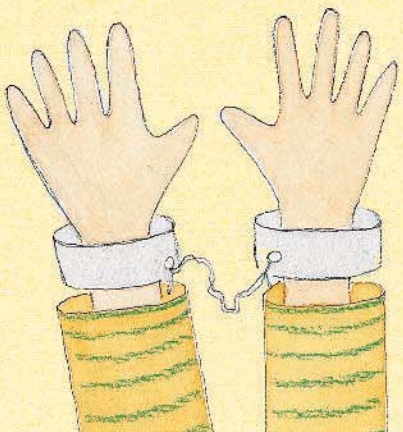
6. Punch a hole on the opposite side from the paper fastener in each cuff.

7. Cut a foot-long (30-cm) piece of string.

8. Attach the cuffs together by tying the string through the punched hole in each cuff.



When you play "police" with your friends and catch a "bad guy," you can use your pretend handcuffs to "cuff him."

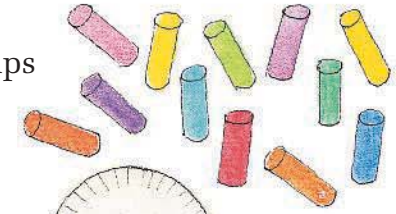


Style the Hair Puppet

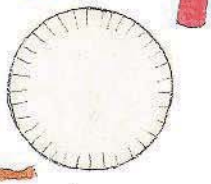


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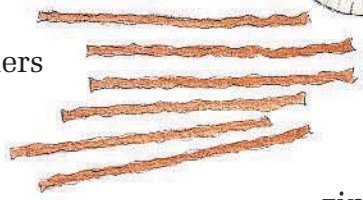
a dozen or more discarded marker caps in various sizes



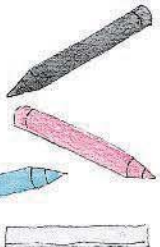
uncoated paper bowl or plate



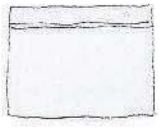
pipe cleaners for hair



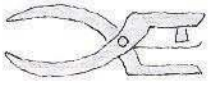
markers

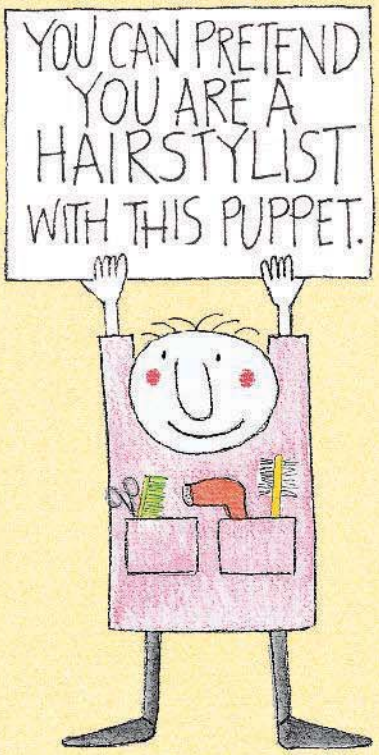


zip-to-close bag



hole punch





Here is what you do:

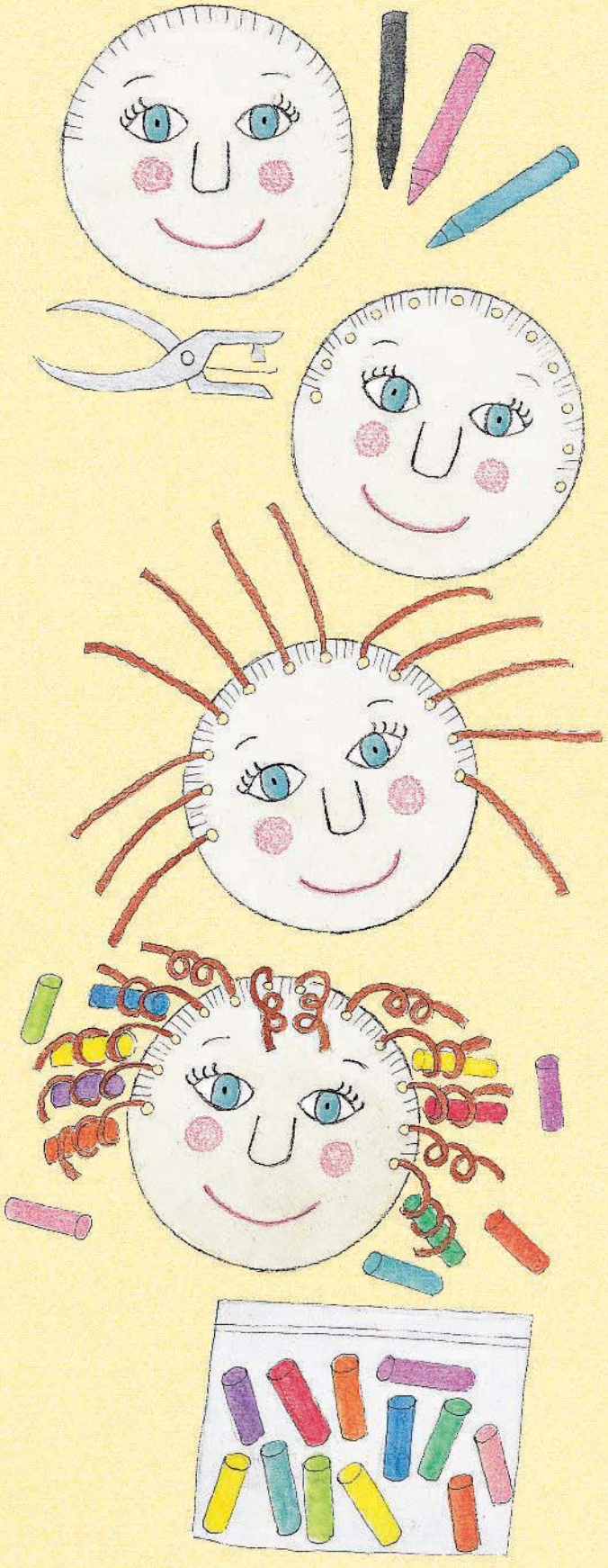
1. Use the markers to draw a face and hair on the bottom of the paper plate or bowl.

2. Punch twelve or more holes around the edge of the hair.

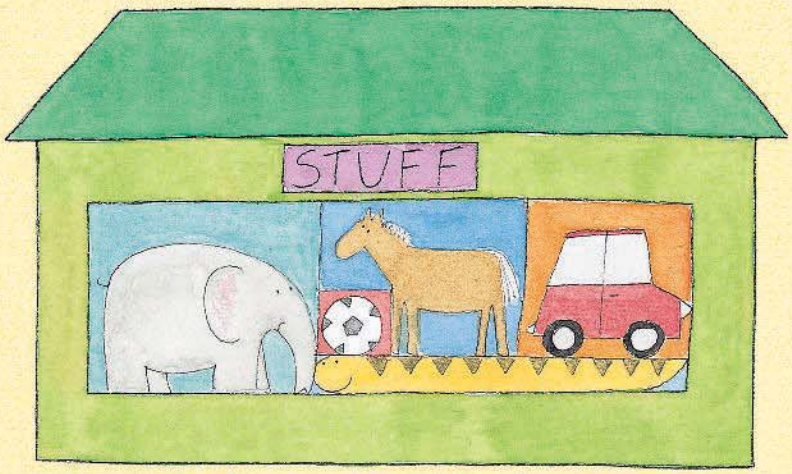
3. Attach the end of a 6-inch (15-cm) pipe cleaner through each hole so that it sticks out like hair.

4. Use the marker caps as curlers and roll the pipe cleaners around them to curl the hair.

When you want to try a different hairstyle, just pull the pipe cleaners out straight again and try another look. (This is a good way to practice braiding!) Store the "curlers" in the zip-to-close bag.



Design a Store Window



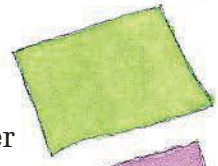
Here is what you need:

old magazines and catalogs with small pictures of things you would like to sell if you had a store





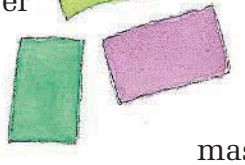
12- by 18-inch (30- by 46-cm) sheet of construction paper



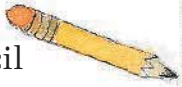
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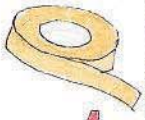
construction paper in two other colors



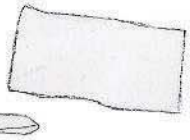
pencil



masking tape



clear plastic wrap



scissors



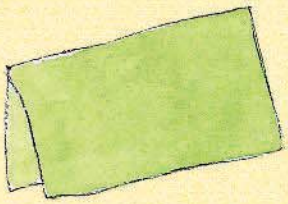
white craft glue





Here is what you do:

1. Fold the large sheet of construction paper in half to make a 9- by 12-inch (23- by 30-cm) storefront.



2. Cut a large rectangle out of one side of the storefront for the window.

3. Use the pencil to lightly trace around the inside of the cut opening on the paper folded behind it.

4. Open the paper and place a sheet of clear plastic wrap over the cut opening. Secure the plastic wrap to the paper using masking tape around the edges. Fold the paper again so that the plastic wrap looks like the glass in the window opening.

5. Decide what kind of store you would like to have. Find small pictures of items you might sell in your store in old magazines and catalogs. Cut the pictures out.

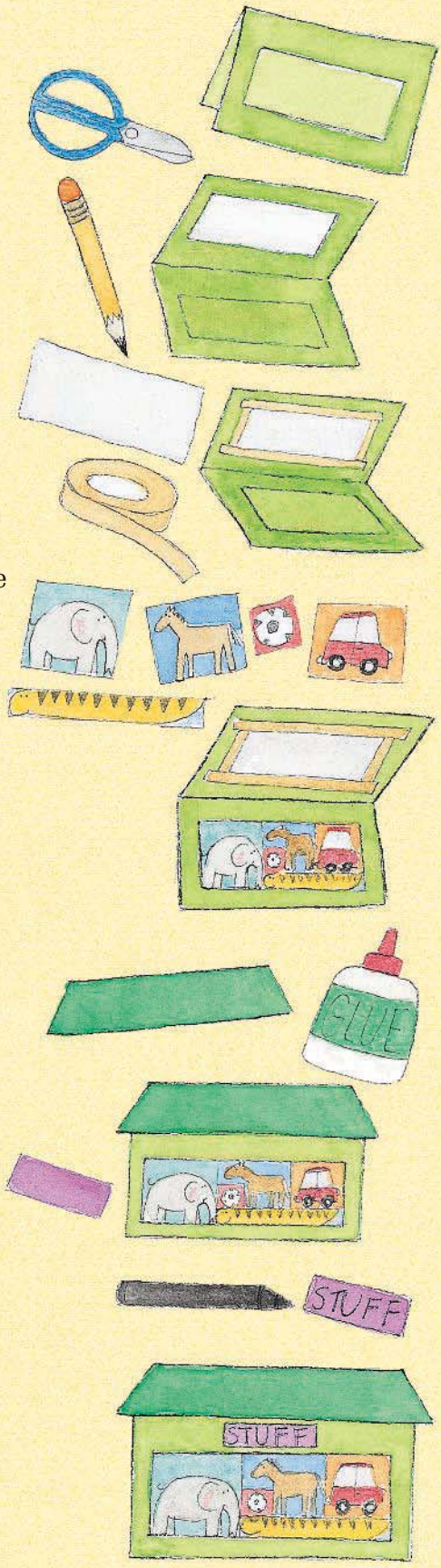
6. Open the paper and, using the pencil lines as a guide to the size of the window, arrange the items you have cut on the paper. When you are happy with your window display, glue the items in place.

7. Close the paper store and glue the edges together.

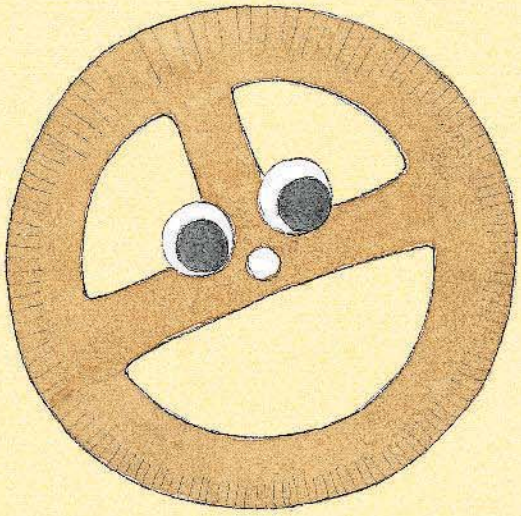
8. Cut a roof for the store from construction paper. Glue the roof to the top of the store above the window.

9. Cut out a sign for the store. Decide what you are going to call your store. Use a marker to write the name of your store on the sign. Glue the sign to the front of the store above the window.

You might like to make more than one kind of store. Then you can hang them up in a row like a block of stores in a community.



Steering Wheel Puppet



Here is what you need:

two 9-inch (23-cm) uncoated paper plates

white and black construction paper scraps

small balloon

white craft glue

brown marker

masking tape

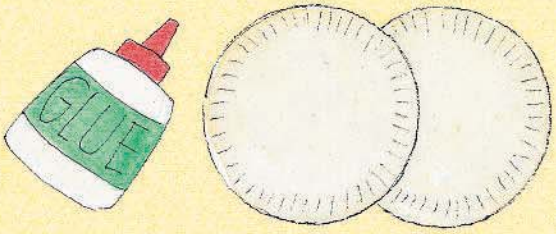
scissors

party horn blower



Here is what you do:

1. Glue the two paper plates together around the edges to make a sturdy puppet.



2. Cut a half-pie-shaped section out of the bottom center part of the glued plates and two quarter-pie-shaped sections from the top center portion of the glued plates, as shown, to make the plates look like a steering wheel.

3. Color the bottom (not the eating side) of the plate with the brown marker for the front of the steering wheel.

4. Cut two eyes from the white scrap paper. Cut two pupils for the eyes from the black scrap paper. Glue a black pupil to each eye. Glue the eyes to the cross section at the center of the steering wheel.

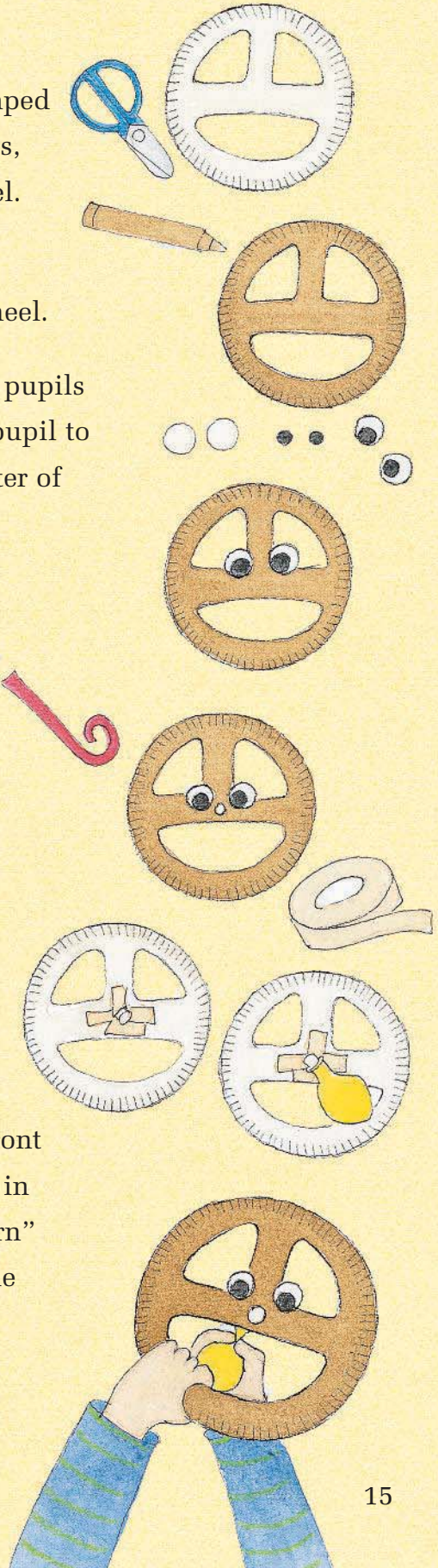
5. Cut the paper horn off the party blower.

6. Cut a small hole in the center of the cross section of the steering wheel. Slide the blower end of the horn through the hole from the front of the steering wheel. Secure the horn at the back of the wheel with masking tape.

7. Slide the neck of the balloon over the mouthpiece of the horn at the back of the steering wheel.

8. To use the steering wheel puppet, inflate the balloon by blowing through the horn opening at the front of the puppet. Hold the balloon closed to keep the air in it after the balloon has been inflated. To "blow the horn" on your steering wheel puppet, just release some of the air from the balloon.

Honk! Honk!



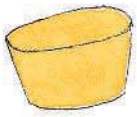
Finger Cast



Here is what you need:

white paper towel 

water 

disposable plastic tub 

scissors 

Styrofoam tray for drying 

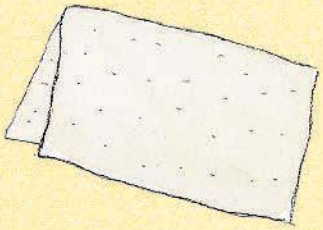
white craft glue 

paintbrush 



Here is what you do:

1. Fold the paper towel in half.



2. Cut a strip from the paper towel that is as long as the paper towel and about as wide as the finger you are making the cast for.

3. Mix equal parts of glue and water in the disposable plastic tub.

4. Use the paintbrush to cover one side of the folded paper towel strip with the glue and water mixture.

5. With the dry side of the towel toward the finger, wrap the gluey paper towel around it to make the cast. If the cast seems too thick, you can trim some of the towel off the end of the strip.

6. Paint the outside of the cast with the glue and water mixture.

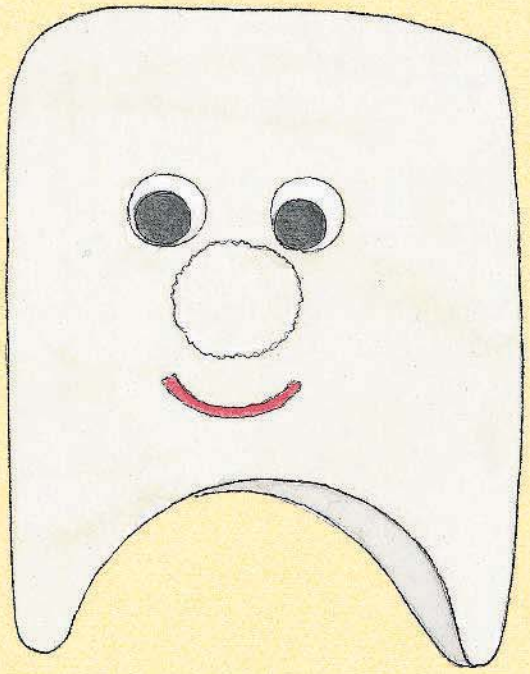
7. Carefully slip the cast off the finger, being careful not to change the shape of the cast. It should slip easily on and off the finger when dry.

8. Let the cast dry until hard on the Styrofoam tray.

You might want to add a few signatures to the cast using a ballpoint pen.



Happy Tooth Puppet



Here is what you need:

empty white plastic hand soap dispenser



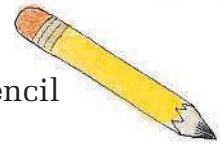
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two large wiggle eyes

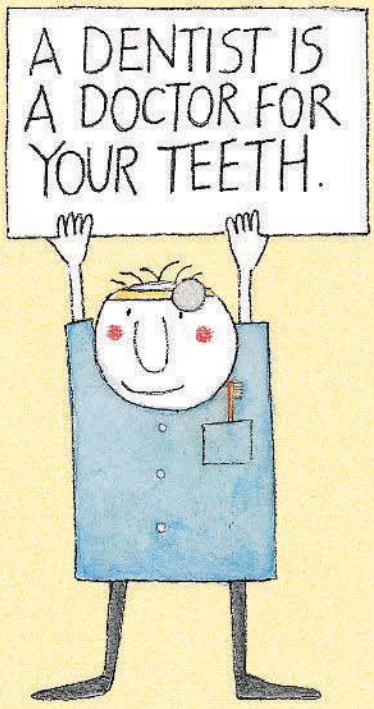


white pom-pom



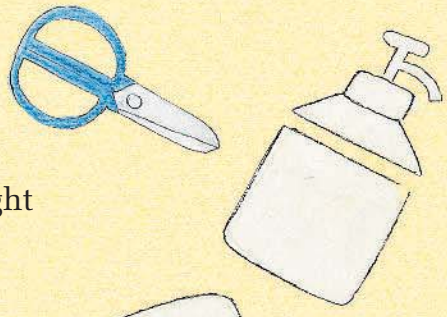
piece of red pipe cleaner



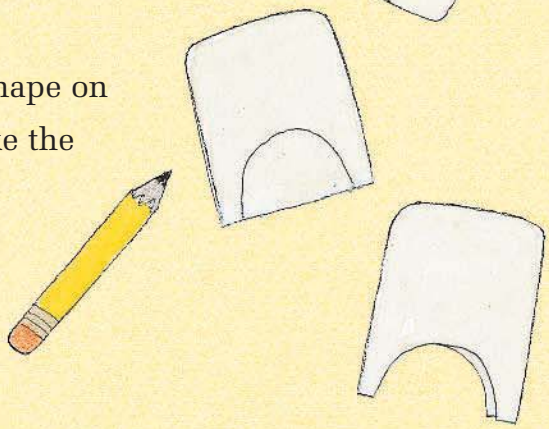


Here is what you do:

1. Cut the slanted top part off the plastic soap bottle so that you are left with the part of the bottle that is straight up and down. Turn the bottle over to look like a tooth.

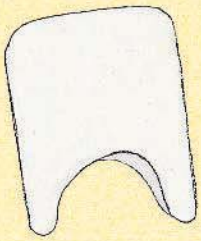


2. Use a pencil to lightly sketch a rounded arch shape on the front and back cut edge of the bottle to look like the roots of a tooth.



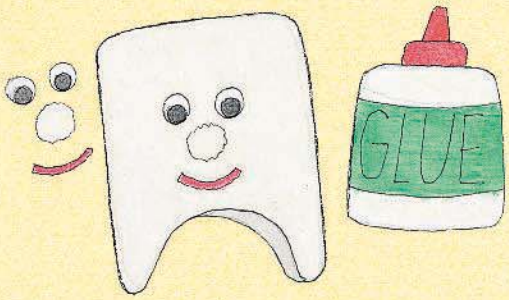
3. Cut the arched section out of the front and back of the bottle.

4. Round off the edges of the "roots" on each side of the "tooth."



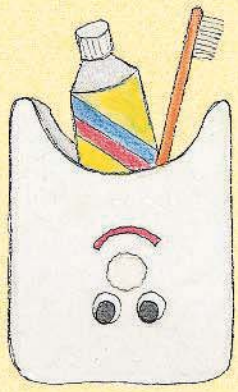
5. Glue the two wiggle eyes to one side of the tooth.

6. Glue the pom-pom under the eyes for a nose.

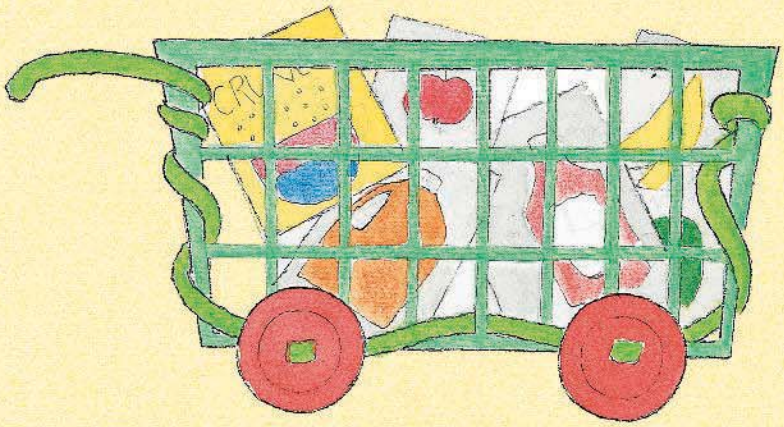


7. Shape a 1-inch (2.5-cm) piece of the red pipe cleaner into a smile. Glue the smile to the tooth under the nose.

Your tooth puppet doesn't mind standing on its head to hold your toothbrush and toothpaste when you are not playing with it.

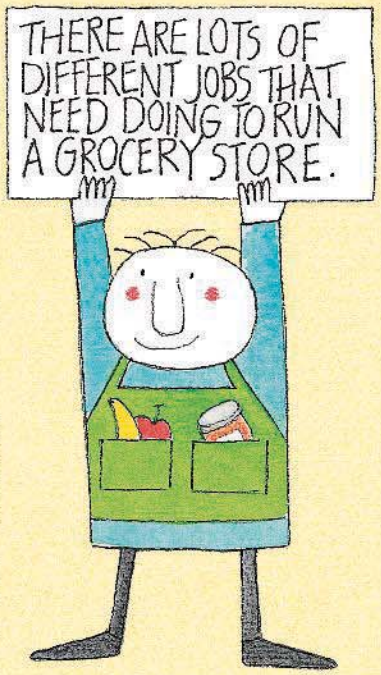


Grocery Cart Shopping-List Holder



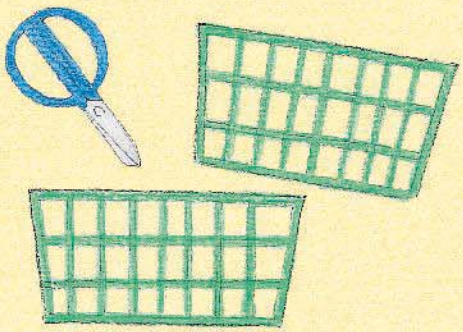
Here is what you need:

- plastic berry basket
- grocery flier
- scissors
- clamp clothespin
- masking tape
- sticky-back magnet
- white craft glue
- two 1-inch (2.5-cm) buttons
- 12-inch (30-cm) pipe cleaner



Here is what you do:

1. Cut the two opposite sides out of the berry basket to use to make the two sides of the cart. Make sure you keep the thicker support posts that are at each corner of the basket when you cut the two sides from the basket.



2. Cut pictures of grocery items from the grocery flier.

3. Put some pieces of masking tape across one side of one of the basket pieces to form a surface for the grocery items to stick to. Turn the piece over so the tape is on the back with the sticky part showing through the holes. Glue the food items in the cart over the masking tape.

4. Hold the second berry basket piece over the first so that it looks like the food items are in a cart. Use the pipe cleaner to lace the two pieces together. As you come down around the bottom of the cart, thread the pipe cleaner in and out of the holes in each button to attach them to the bottom of the cart for wheels.

5. When you get to the top of the opposite side of the cart, fold the excess pipe cleaner out to look like the handle of the cart.

6. Glue the clamp clothespin to the back of the cart, with the two ends that you squeeze at the top.

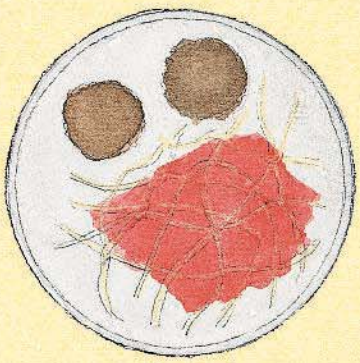
7. Press a piece of sticky-back magnet to the side of the clothespin.

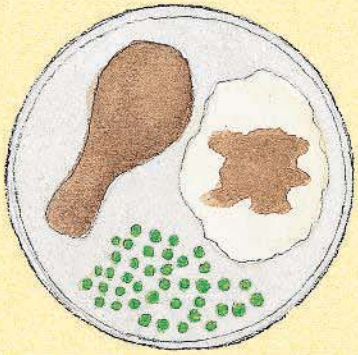
Stick the cart on the refrigerator. Use the clothespin to hold a strip of paper available to jot down items needed at the grocery store.



Favorite Meal Magnets

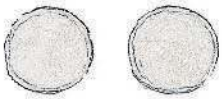
(Spaghetti-and-Meatballs and Turkey Dinners)





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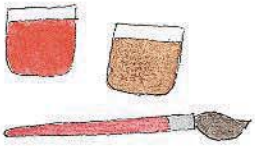
metal lids from frozen juice cans



scissors



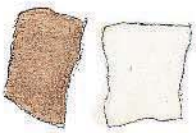
red and brown poster paint and a paintbrush



white string



brown and white felt



white craft glue





green seed beads



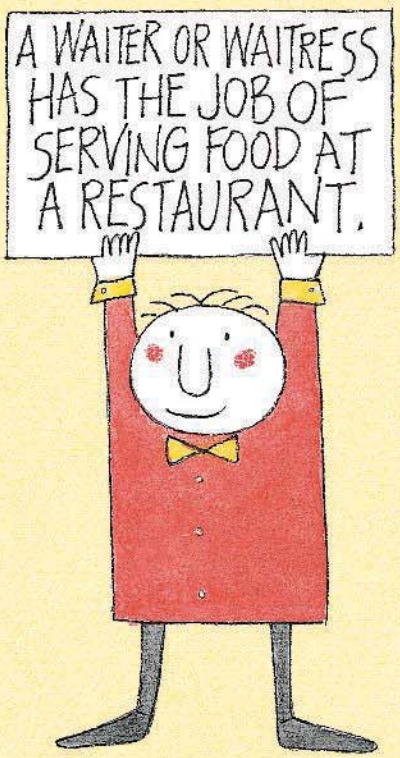
fiberfill



strip of sticky-back magnet

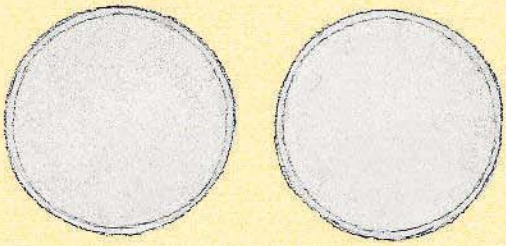


two brown pom-poms



Here is what you do:

1. The metal lid will be the plate for the meal. You can leave it plain or paint it and add tiny painted decorations around the edge to look like a fancy plate.



2. To make a plate of spaghetti and meatballs cut a small pile of white string to look like spaghetti.

3. Glue the string to one side of the metal plate.

4. Glue the two brown pom-poms next to the spaghetti to look like meatballs.

5. Drizzle red paint over the string spaghetti and the pom-pom meatballs for the sauce.

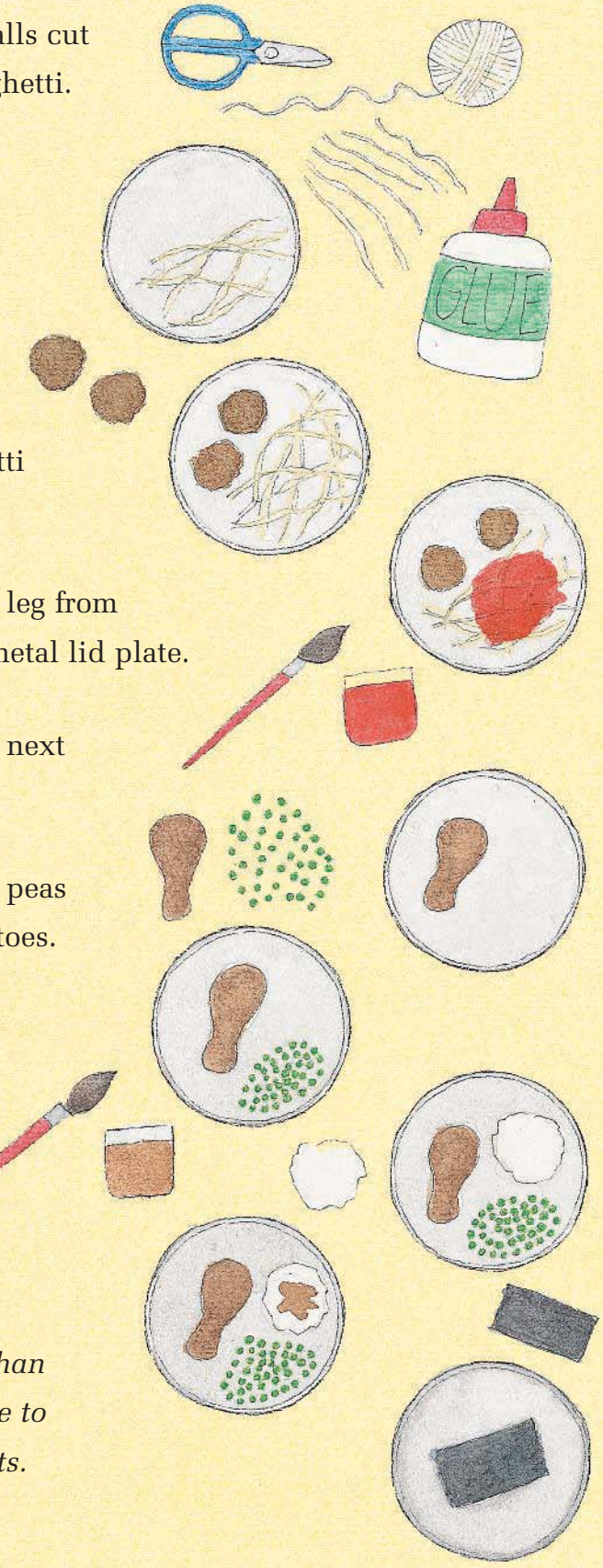
6. To make the turkey dinner, cut a turkey leg from the brown felt and glue it on one side of a metal lid plate.

7. Glue the tiny green seed beads in a pile next to the turkey leg to look like peas.

8. Glue a puff of white fiberfill next to the peas and the turkey leg to look like mashed potatoes.

9. Drizzle brown paint over the fiberfill mashed potatoes to look like gravy.

10. Put a piece of sticky-back magnet on the back of each plate and stick them on the refrigerator.



Your favorite meals are probably different than mine. Think of the craft items you might use to re-create your own favorite meals as magnets.

Doll Friend Cupcakes



Here is what you need:

egg carton

six fluted paper candy cups

aluminum foil

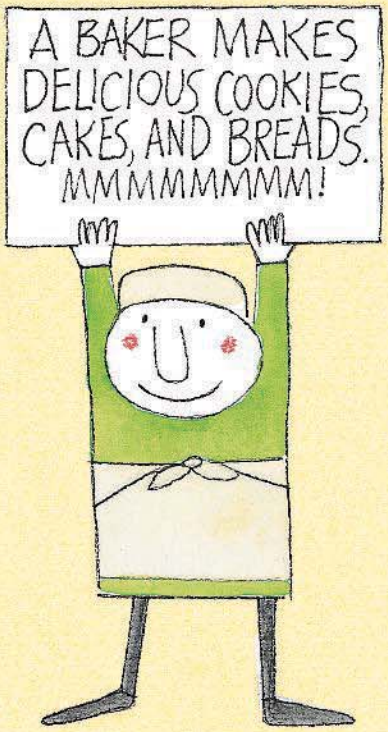
fiberfill

white craft glue

six 1-inch (2.5-cm) pink pom-poms

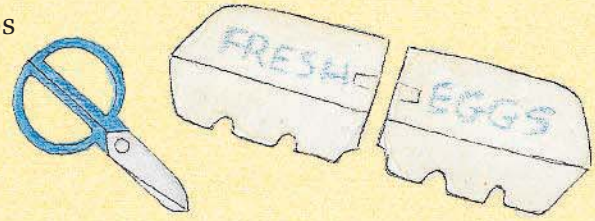
scissors

pink and red seed beads, craft beads, and tiny pom-poms for decorating



Here is what you do:

1. Cut the egg carton in half between the cups to make shorter sections. You will use one of the six-cup halves to make a cupcake pan.



2. Cover the eggcup cupcake pan with aluminum foil to make it look as if it is metal.

3. Place a paper candy cup in each section of the upcake pan to look like a little cupcake wrapper.

4. Glue a pink pom-pom in each wrapper to look like a pink cupcake.

5. Frost each cupcake by gluing on a thin layer of fiberfill.

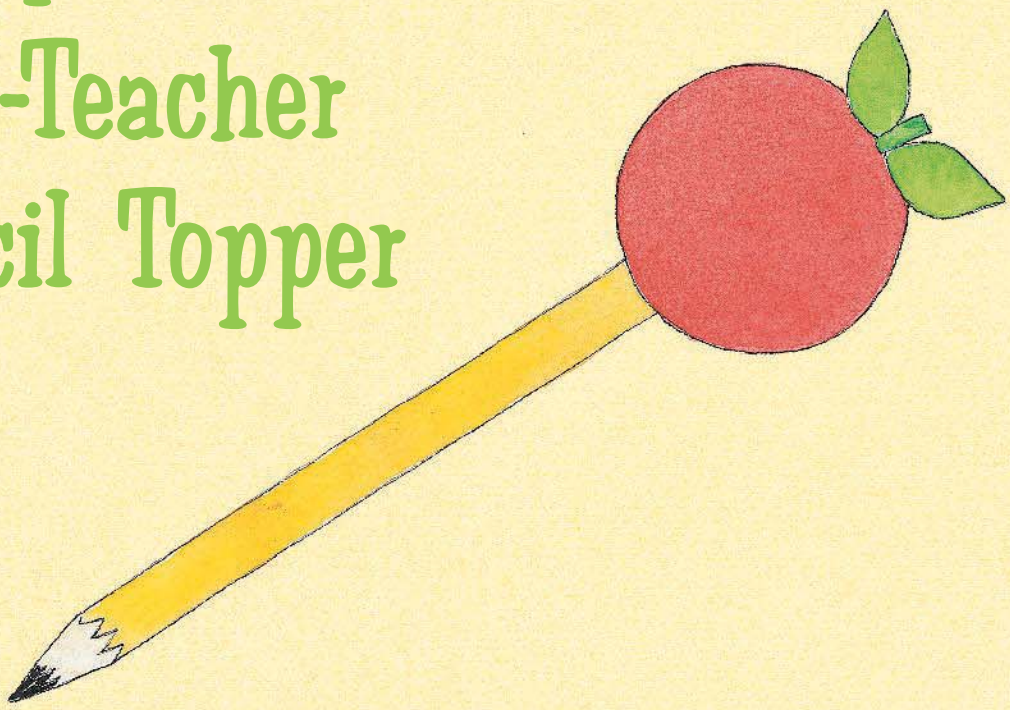
6. Use the pink and red seed beads, craft beads, and tiny pom-poms to decorate each cupcake.

7. The cupcakes can be removed from the pan to serve on a plate to your doll friends. You can return them to the cupcake pan for storage when you are not playing with them.

To make a different flavor cupcake, just change the color of the pom-poms and the decorations.

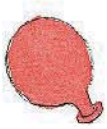


Apple-for-the-Teacher Pencil Topper



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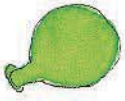
small round red balloon



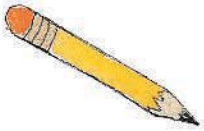
scissors



green balloon



pencil



1½-inch (3.75-cm) Styrofoam ball

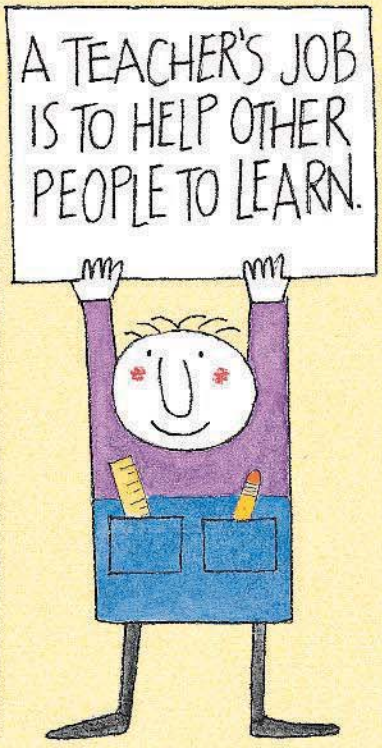


straight pin



green pipe cleaner





Here is what you do:

1. Cut the neck off the red balloon.

2. Push the Styrofoam ball into the balloon so that the balloon covers the ball, to make it look like a red apple.

3. Cut two small leaves for the "apple" from the green balloon.

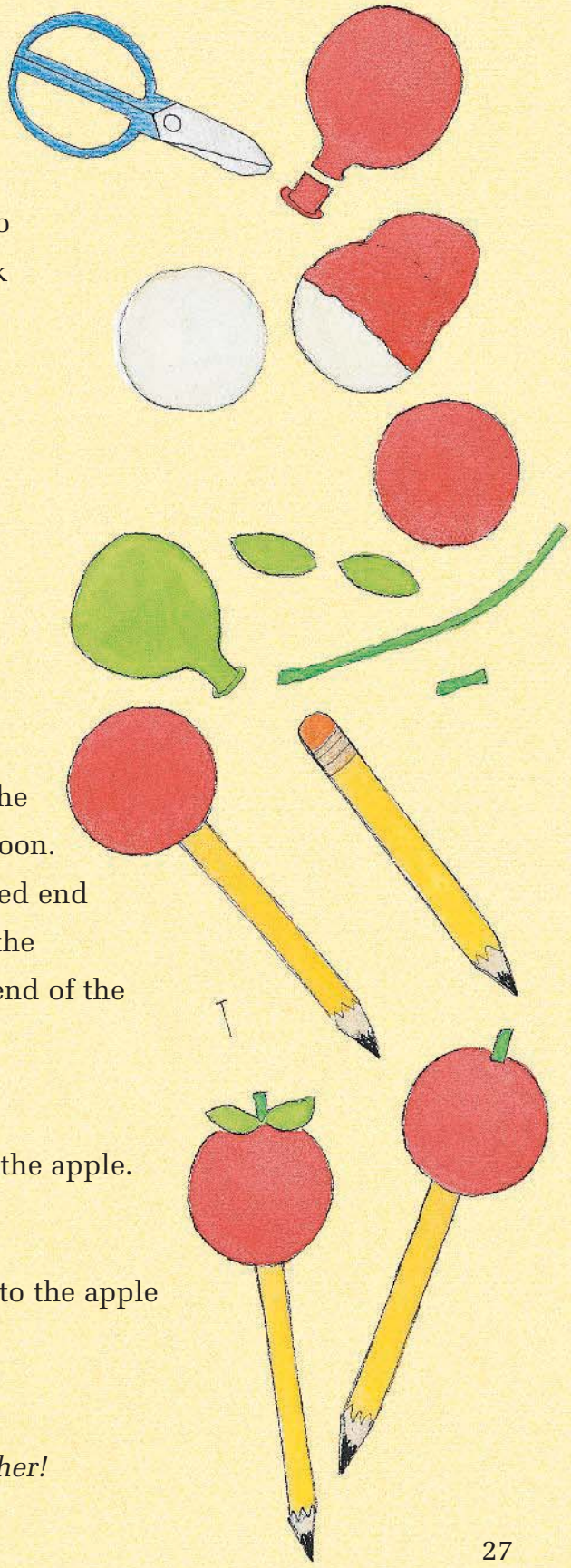
4. Cut a 1-inch (2.5-cm) piece from the green pipe cleaner to use as a stem for the apple.

5. Push the eraser end of the pencil up into the Styrofoam ball through the opening in the balloon. You may need to start the hole using the pointed end of the pencil. Push the pencil far enough into the Styrofoam ball to firmly attach the ball to the end of the pencil.

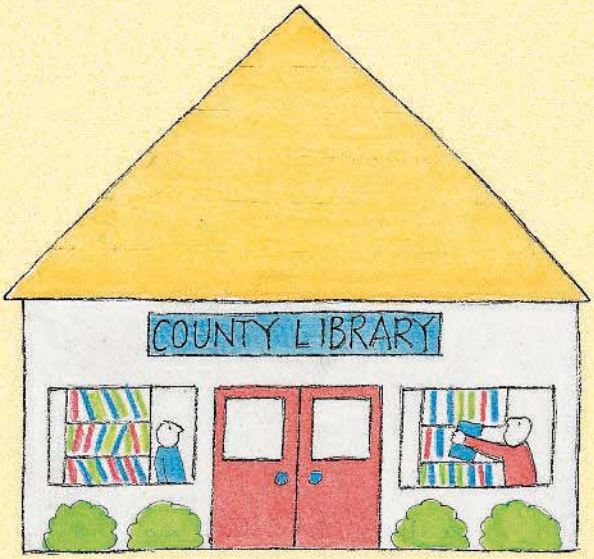
6. Push the pipe cleaner stem into the top of the apple.

7. Use the pin to attach the two green leaves to the apple next to the stem.

What a neat way to take an apple to your teacher!

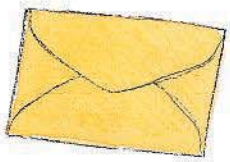


Library Bookmark



Here is what you need:

old envelope



scissors



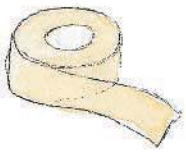
scrap of light-colored construction paper



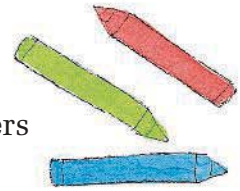
pen

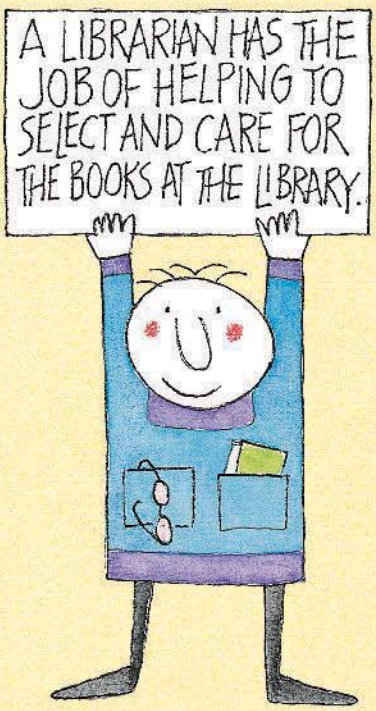


cellophane tape



markers

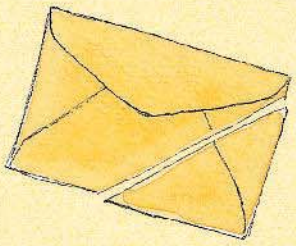




Here is what you do:

1. Cut a triangle shape from one corner of the envelope that is about 5 inches (13 cm) across the cut. This triangle will be the roof of the "library building."





2. Cut a 3¾-inch (9.5-cm) square from the construction paper scrap for the building.

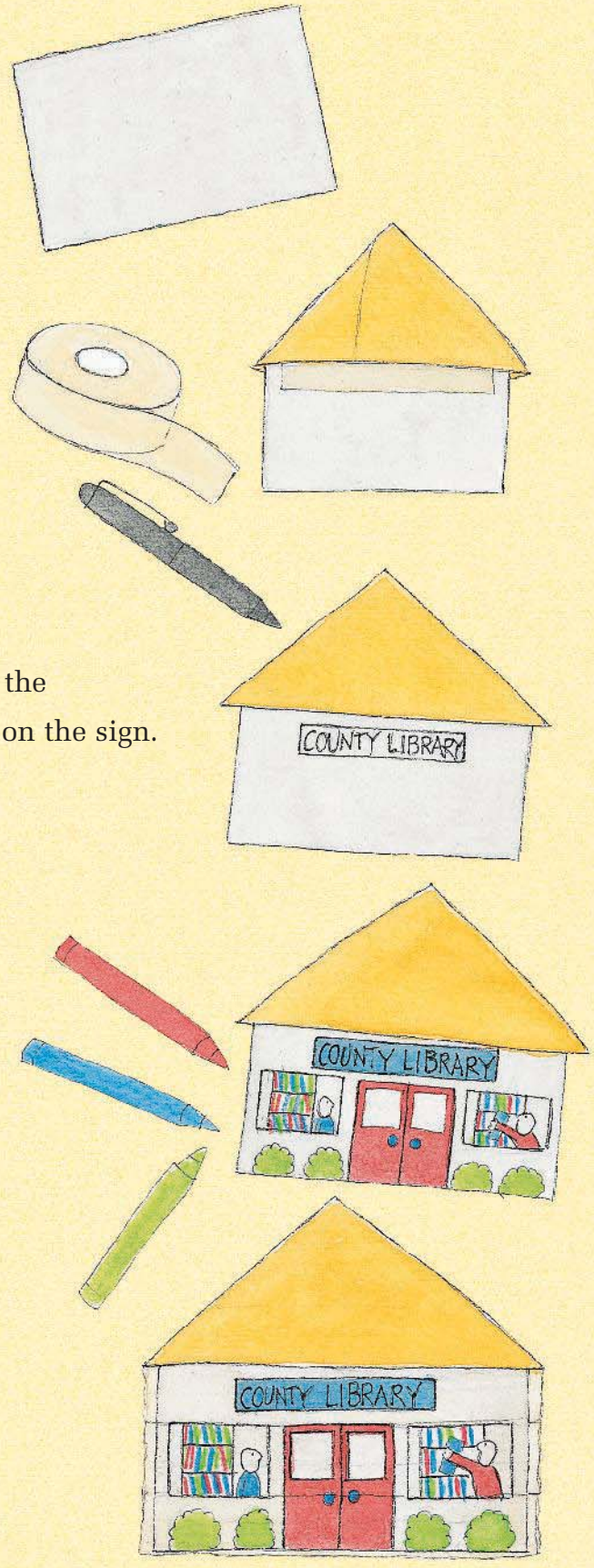
3. Tape the top of the square to the inside of one side of the triangle roof.

4. You should now have a building with the back of the triangle roof forming a pocket that will slip over the corner of the page of a book.

5. Use the pen to draw a sign on the front of the building. Write the name of your local library on the sign.

6. Use the markers to color the building.

7. Cover the building with strips of cellophane tape over all the colored areas. This will ensure that no marker rubs off the bookmark onto the book.



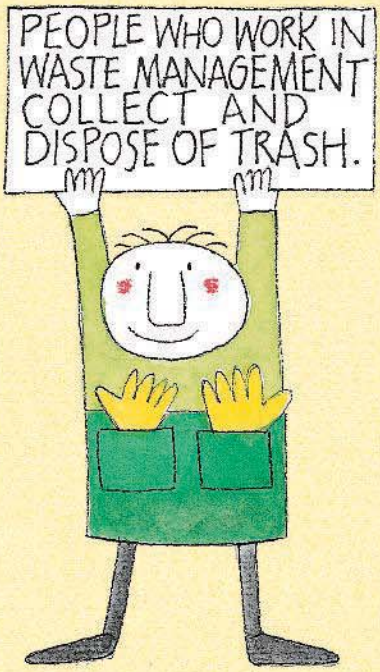
Try out the library bookmark by going to the library to take out some good books to read. The librarian will be happy to help you!

Garbage-Gobbling Trash Can

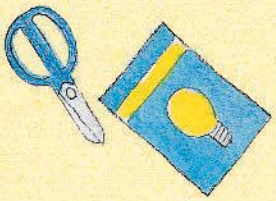


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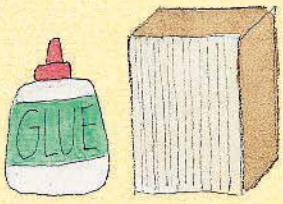
- empty lightbulb box
- lunch bag
- red construction paper
- 6-inch (15-cm) paper plate
- scissors
- two large wiggle eyes
- aluminum foil
- white craft glue
- pom-pom



Here is what you do:



1. Flatten the lightbulb box and cut it to fit over the flat side of the bag that has the bottom flap folded down over its end. It does not have to be an exact fit.



2. Glue the smooth side of the cut lightbulb box to the bag so that the corrugated cardboard that was the inside of the box

forms lines down the bag. The bottom of the bag will now become the top of the puppet.

3. Carefully rub a sheet of aluminum foil over the corrugated cardboard to take on the ridges and look like the side of a trash can. Trim the foil to exactly fit over the side of the bag and glue it in place.

4. Cut a 3- by 5-inch (8- by 13-cm) rectangle of red paper for the mouth of the puppet.

5. Fold the mouth in half so that it fits in the fold at the bottom of the bag. Round off the corners of the mouth. Glue the mouth in place, using glue only around the edges.

6. Cut a mouth opening through the center of the folded area of the mouth and through the bag.

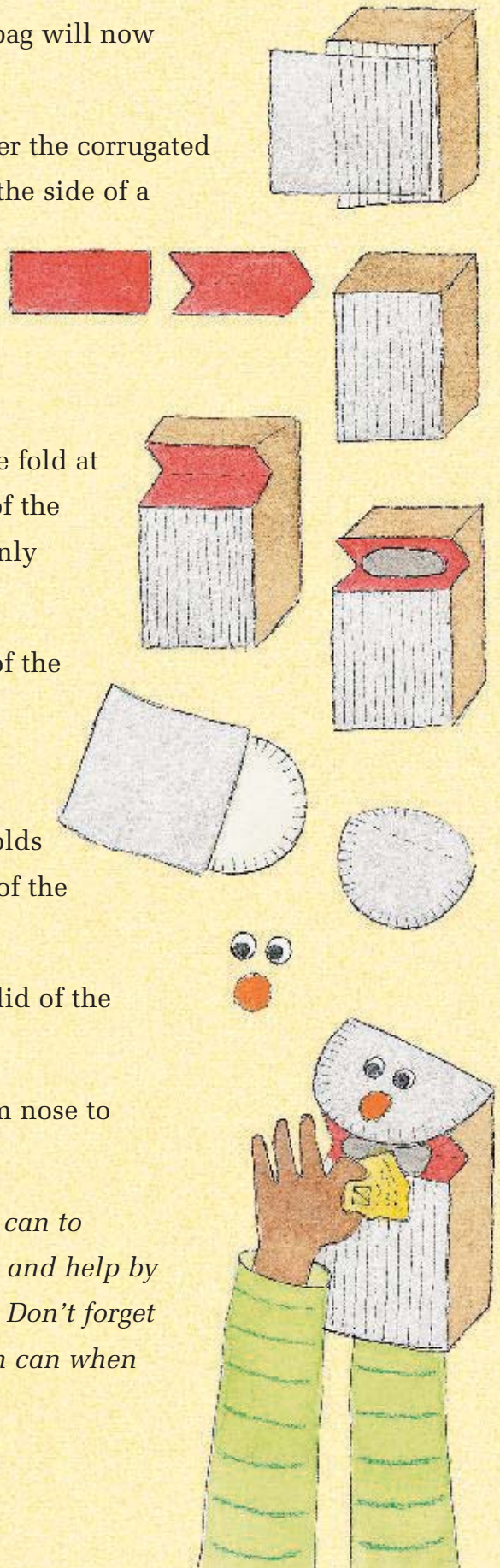
7. Cover the paper plate with foil.

8. Fold about a third of the plate so that it folds down over the back of the bag flap at the top of the puppet.

9. Glue the plate to the flap to look like the lid of the trash can.

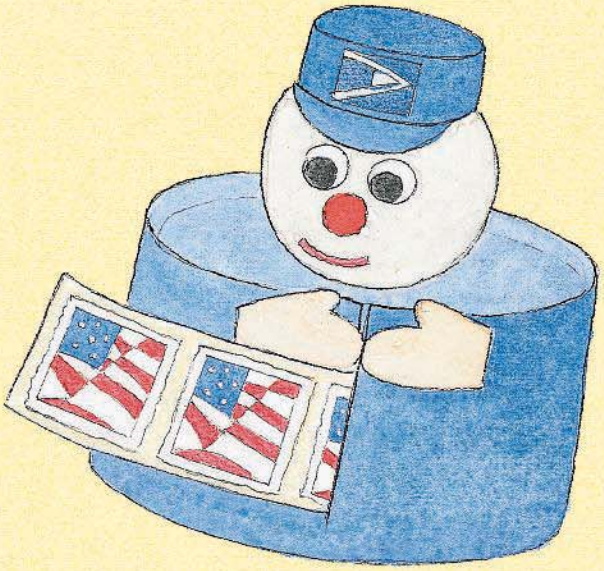
10. Glue the two wiggle eyes and a pom-pom nose to the lid to complete the face above the mouth.

Find some small pieces of paper for the trash can to gobble up. Place your hand inside the puppet and help by pulling the paper in through the open mouth. Don't forget to empty the trashcan puppet into a real trash can when you are done playing!



Mail Carrier Dispenser

for Stamps or Address Labels



Here is what you need:

- 16-ounce clear plastic soda or water bottle
- scissors
- blue and any skin-tone construction paper
- 1½-inch (3.75-cm) Styrofoam ball
- two small wiggle eyes
- old Priority Mail box, envelope, or label
- tiny red pom-pom
- white craft glue
- blue plastic twist cap from a soda bottle
- piece of red pipe cleaner



Here is what you do:

1. Cut a 2-inch (5-cm) tall cup from the bottom of the bottle. This will be the dispenser. Cut a 1-inch (2.5-cm) slit down the front of the dispenser.

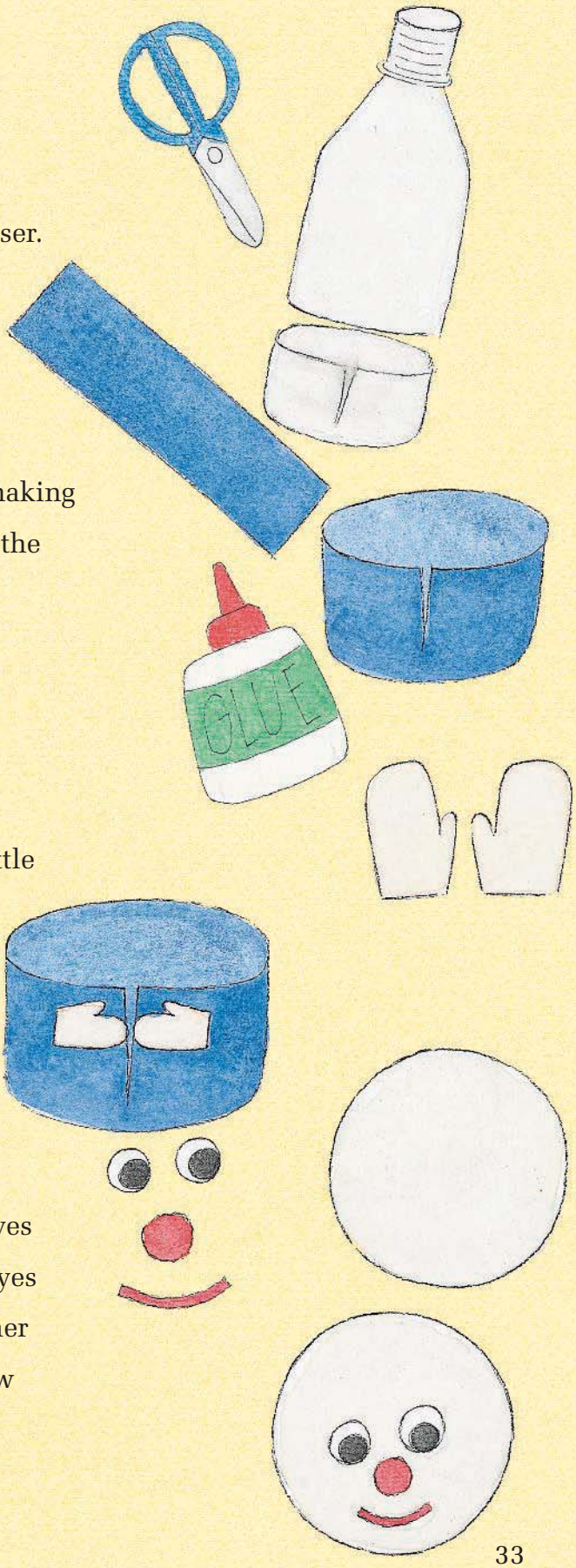
2. Cut a strip of blue construction paper to line the dispenser. Glue the strip in place, making sure the two cut ends meet at the cut slit in the dispenser and do not block it.

3. Cut two hands from the skin-tone construction paper.

4. Glue the hands on the outside of the bottle on either side of the slit.

5. The Styrofoam ball will become the head. You can leave the ball white or paint it the skin tone of your choice.

6. To make the face, glue the two wiggle eyes on one side. Glue the pom-pom below the eyes for the nose. Shape a piece of red pipe cleaner into a smile. Glue the smile to the face below the nose.



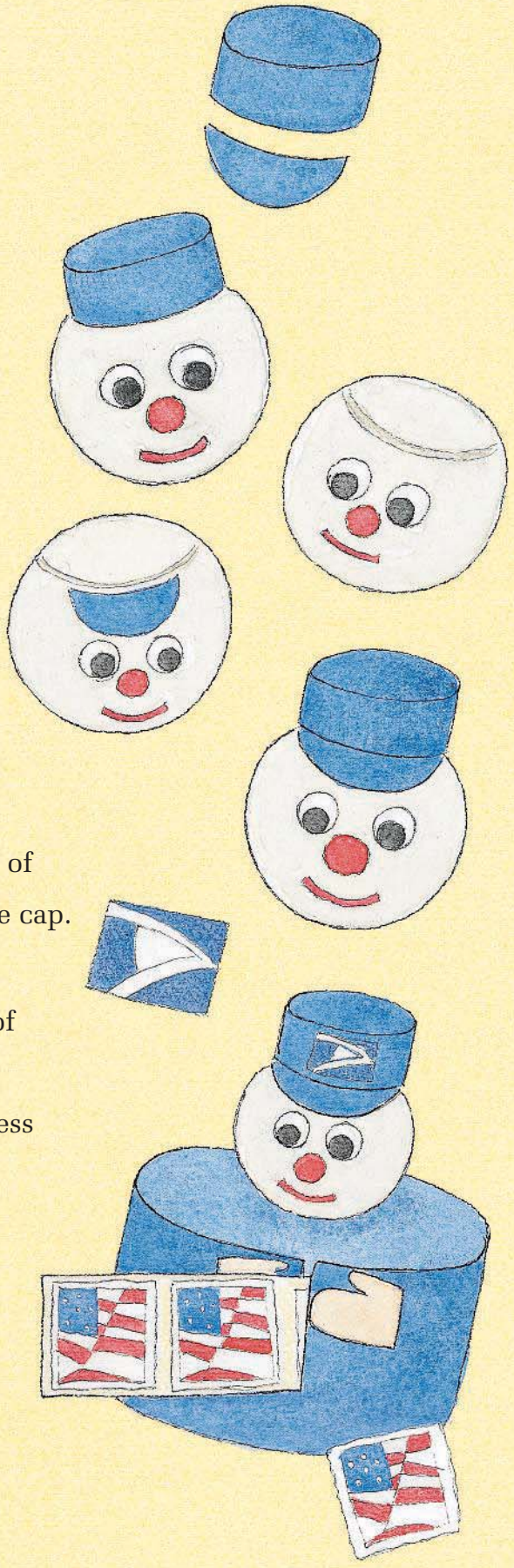
7. The blue cap will become the hat for the mail carrier. Cut a small visor for the front of the hat from the blue construction paper.

8. Press the cap into the top of the head to make an indentation in the Styrofoam with the rim of the cap. Rub glue around the indentation. Set the visor on the indentation above the eyes of the face. Rub more glue over the edge on the visor covering the indentation, then press the cap back into the Styrofoam. Let the glue dry to secure the cap to the head.

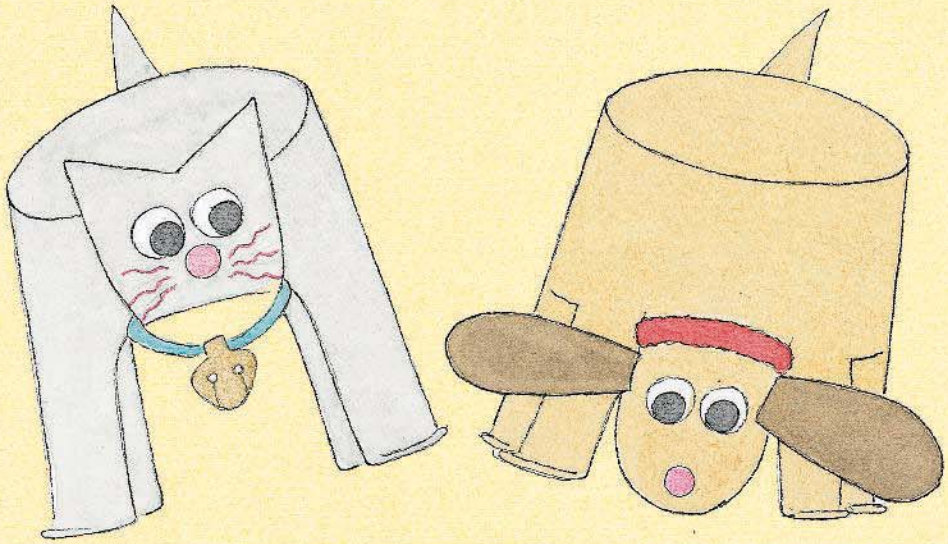
9. Cut a small Priority Mail symbol from a piece of discarded mail. Glue the symbol to the front of the cap.

10. Press the bottom of the head onto the edge of the dispenser to make an indentation in the Styrofoam. Rub glue into the indentation, then press the head into place on the edge of the dispenser.

To use the dispenser, place a roll of stamps or address labels in the container with the end sticking out of the slit between the hands. To use, just pull on the roll to dispense as many stamps or labels as needed.

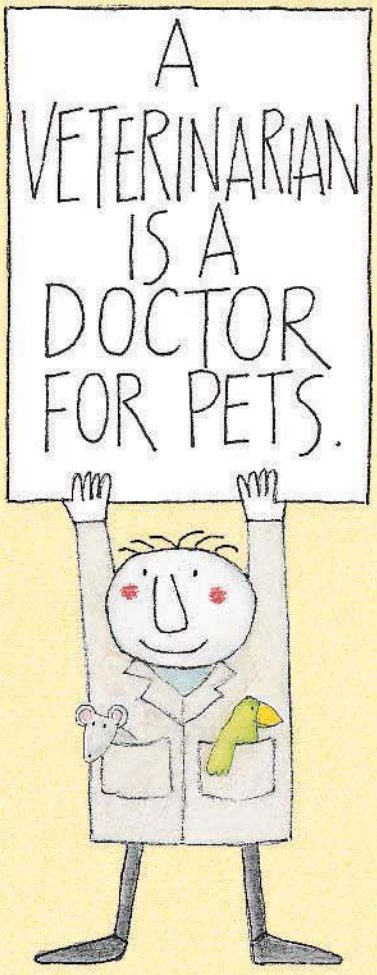


Cup Cat and Dog



Here is what you need:

- two bathroom size paper cups
- brown and pink construction paper scraps
- poster paints and a paintbrush
- Styrofoam tray for drying
- clamp clothespin
- thin craft ribbon
- red pipe cleaner
- pink yarn
- white craft glue
- scissors
- small jingle bell
- hole punch
- four tiny wiggle eyes



Here is what you do:

1. Cut eight 1-inch (2.5-cm) slits an equal distance apart around the edge of each cup. The top of the cups will now become the bottom of the animals, so turn the two cups over.

2. Fold one tab up on each cup and cut it into a point for a tail.

3. Fold up the tab on the opposite end from the tail for the head.

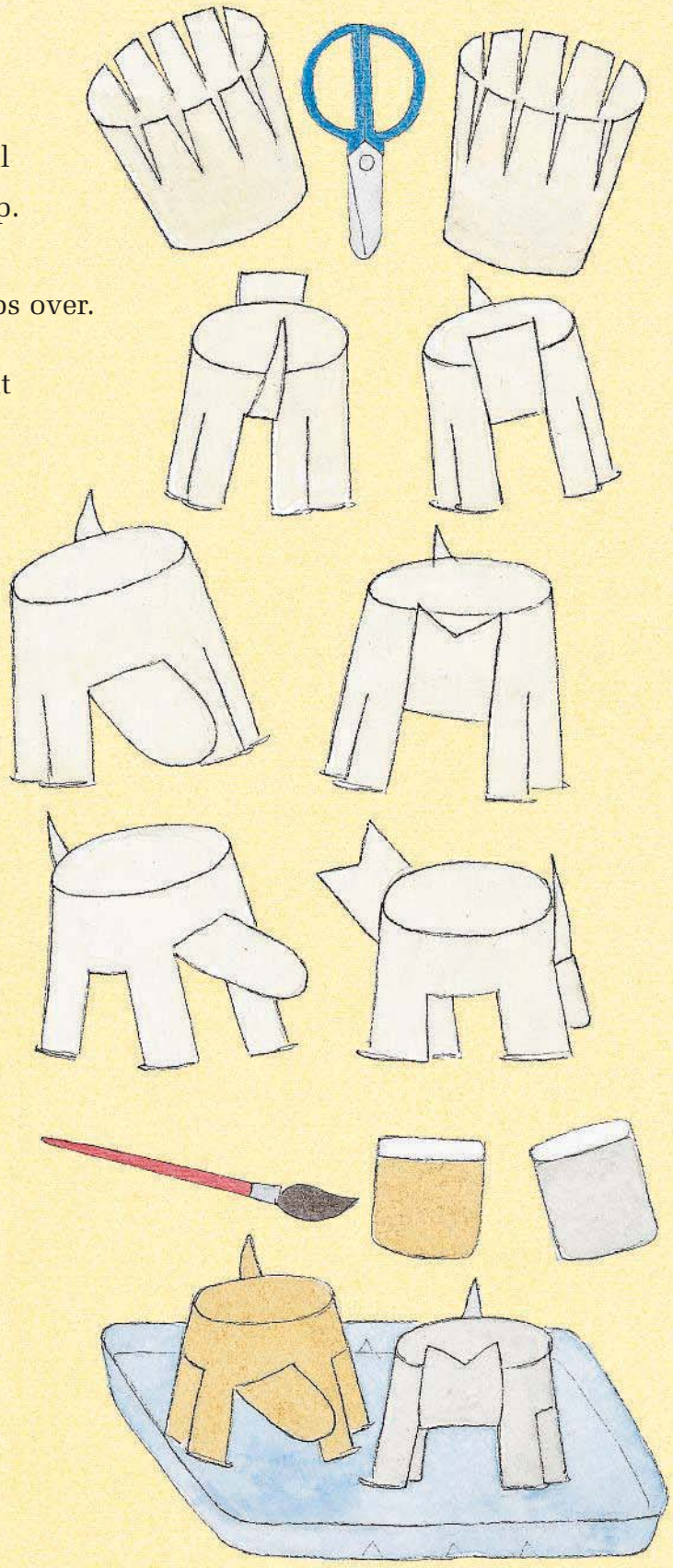
4. To make the dog, round off the corners of the head tab.

5. To make the cup cat, cut a triangle shape from the rim of the tab so that the two sides form pointed ears.

6. There should now be three tabs left on each side of each cup animal.

7. Cut off the center tab on each side of each cup animal so that the remaining tabs form the four legs for each animal.

8. Paint each cup animal the color of your choice. Place the two cups on the Styrofoam tray to dry.



9. To make the dog, cut two floppy ears from the brown paper. Glue an ear on each side of the rounded head, on what was the outside of the cup.

10. Use the hole punch and the pink paper to make a small round nose for the dog. Glue the nose to the end of the head, on the outside of the cup.

11. Glue two wiggle eyes to the head above the nose.

12. Wrap a piece of red pipe cleaner around the neck of the dog for a collar.

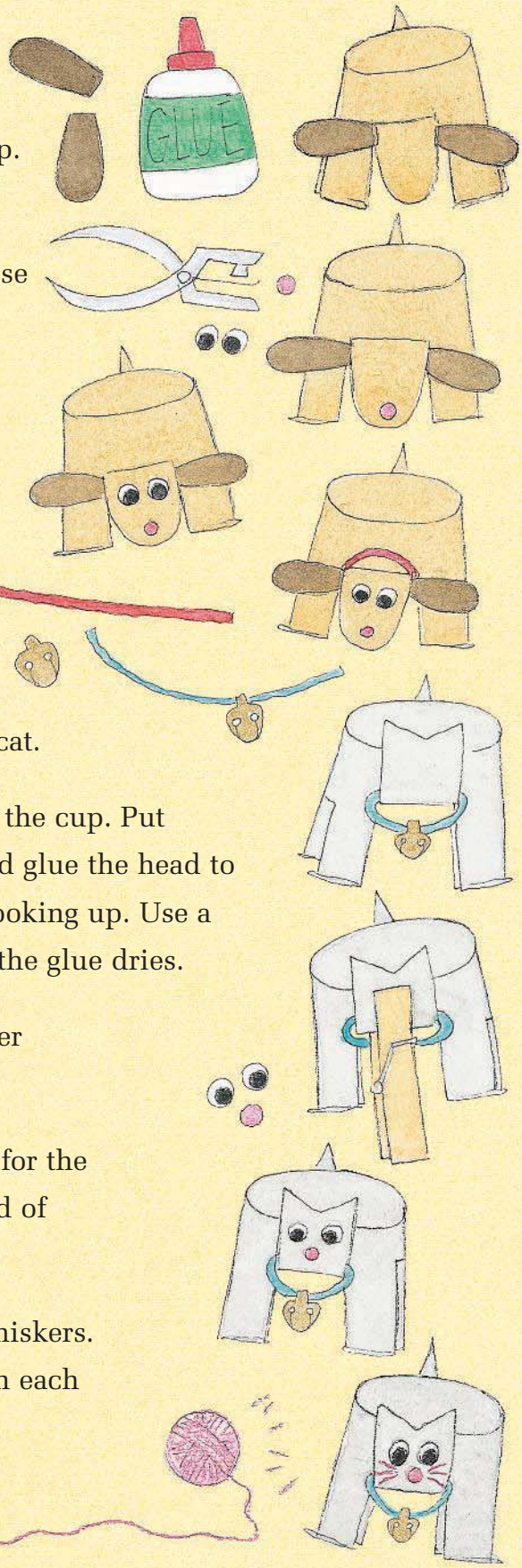
13. To make the cat, start by making the collar. Thread the jingle bell on a piece of thin ribbon and tie the ribbon around the neck of the cat.

14. The back of the head will be the outside of the cup. Put glue on the back of the head, fold the head up and glue the head to the side of the cup so that the cat appears to be looking up. Use a clamp clothespin to hold the head in place until the glue dries.

15. Glue two wiggle eyes on the head, just under the pointed ears.

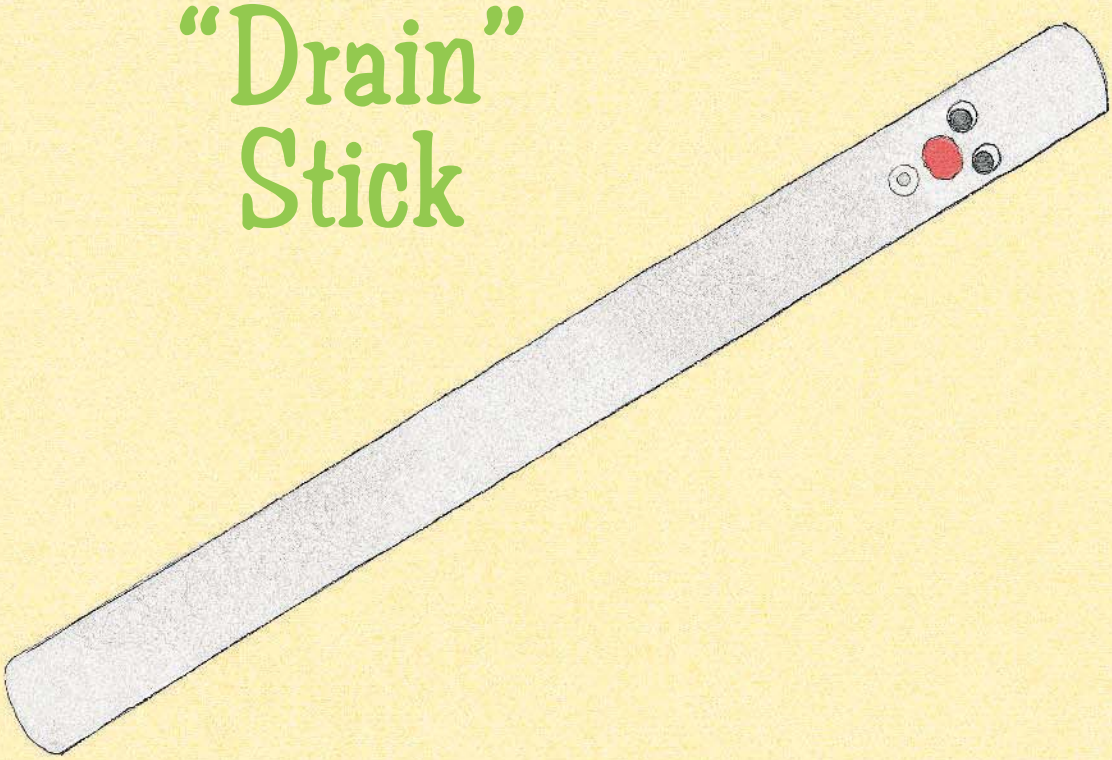
16. Use the hole punch to punch a round nose for the cat from the pink paper. Glue the nose to the head of the cat just below the eyes.

17. Unravel some bits of pink yarn to use for whiskers. Glue some yarn whiskers to the head of the cat on each side of the nose.



Woof! Woof! Meow! Meow!

"Drain" Stick



Here is what you need:

long cardboard tube from wrapping paper

aluminum foil

cellophane tape

white craft glue

hole reinforcer

two large wiggle eyes

pom-pom

polystyrene packing "peanuts"



Here is what you do:

1. Wrap the cardboard tube in aluminum foil, folding over the excess foil at the bottom to close the end of the tube. Do not close the top of the tube yet.

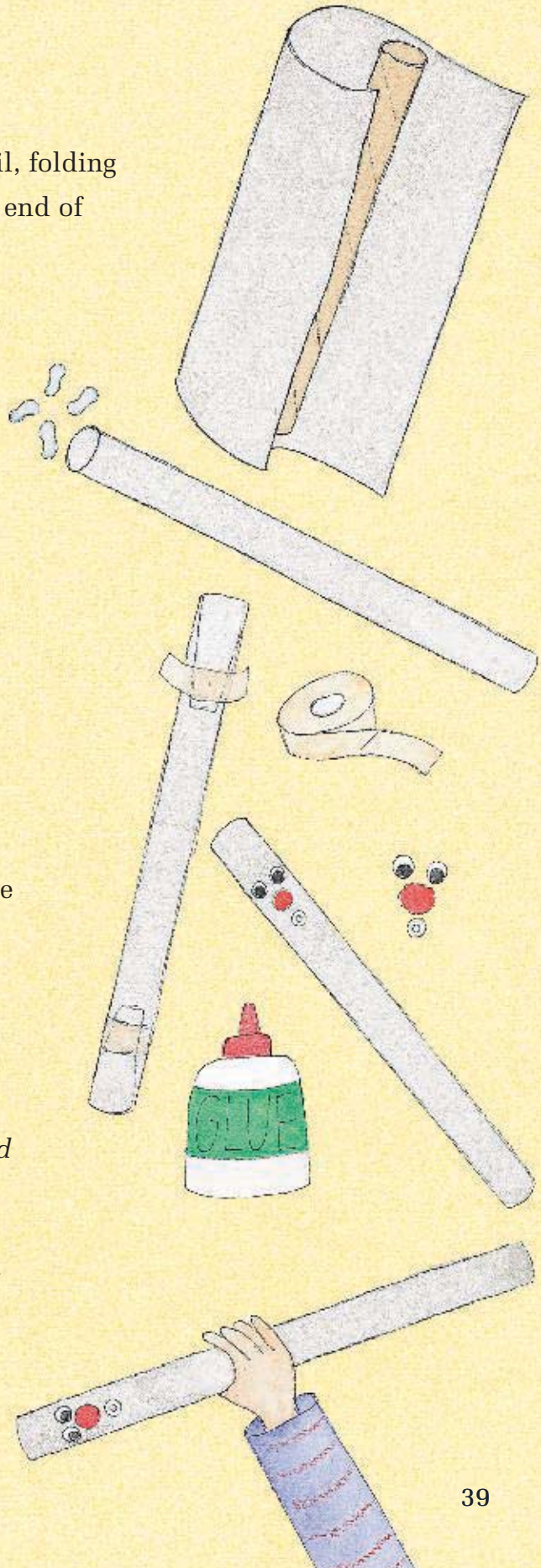
2. Drop about four packing peanuts into the tube to make the draining water sound.

3. Fold the foil over at the top of the tube to close it.

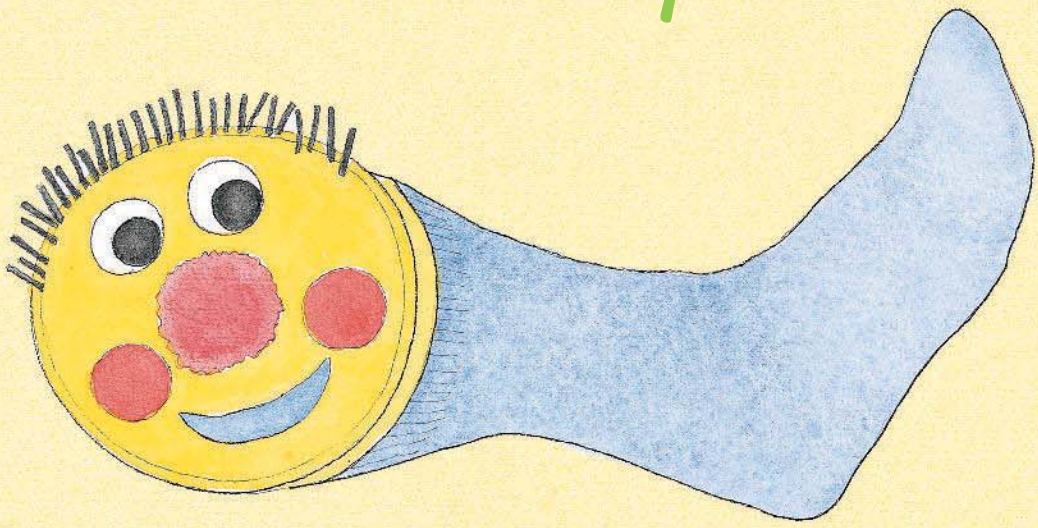
4. Secure the foil as needed, using the cellophane tape.

5. Glue the two wiggle eyes to the side of the tube. Glue the pom-pom under the eyes for the nose. Stick the hole reinforcer to the tube below the nose for the mouth.

To use the "drain" stick, gently tip it back and fourth to hear the gentle sound of draining water. You might need to tap the end of the tube on the floor to get the peanuts moving if some static electricity has built up and is making them stick together.



Sock-It-Away Bank



Here is what you need:

small margarine tub with lid

discarded sock

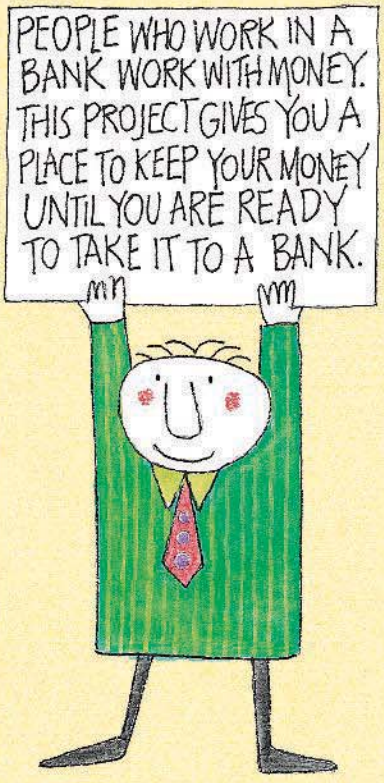
yarn

white craft glue

scissors

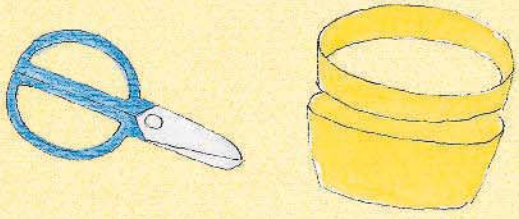
red pom-pom

red, black, and white construction paper



Here is what you do:

1. Cut a 1½-inch (3.75-cm) band from the top of the margarine tub.



2. Cut a smile-shaped opening to drop money through from the edge of the top of the lid.

3. Glue the red pom-pom above the smile for the nose.

4. Cut two 1-inch (2.5-cm) circles from the red paper for cheeks. Glue a circle to the lid on each side of the smile.

5. Cut two 1-inch (2.5-cm) circles from the white paper for eyes. Cut two smaller black circles for the pupils for the eyes.

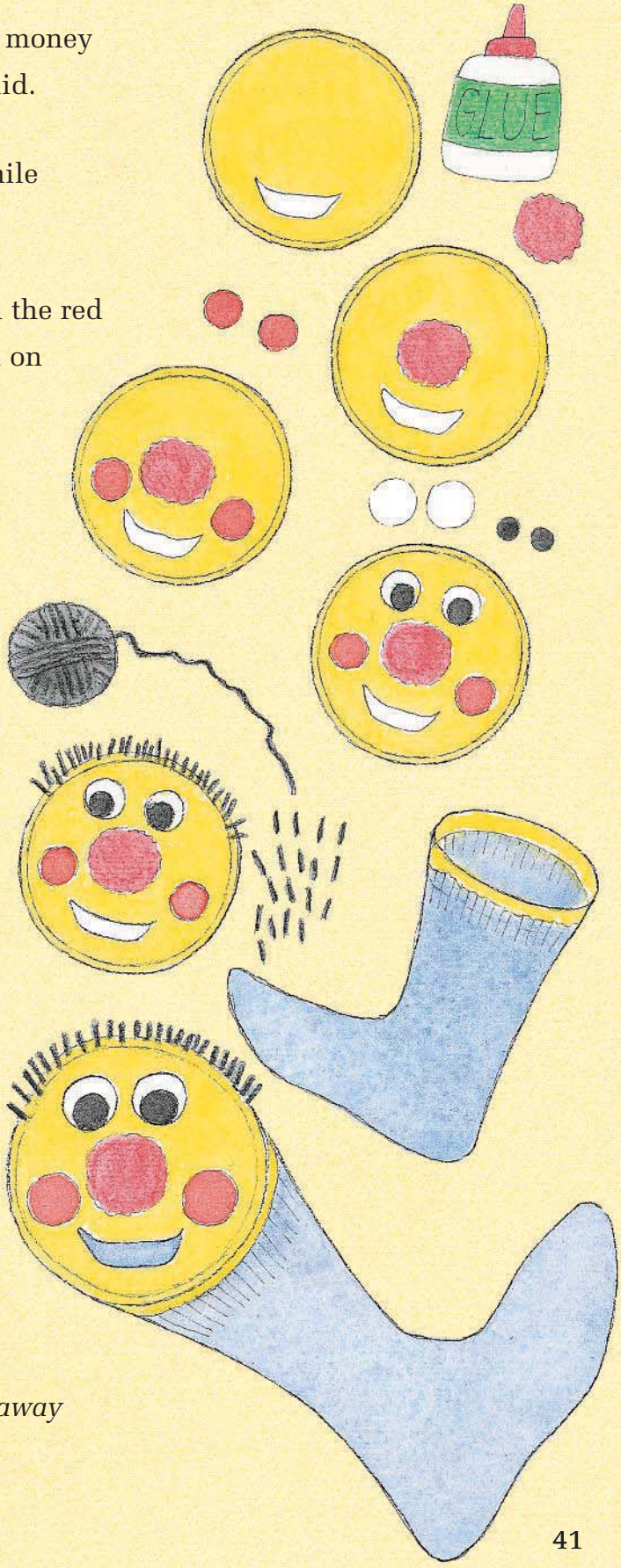
6. Glue the pupils to the eyes, then glue the eyes to the lid above the nose.

7. Cut yarn bits and glue them to the lid above the eyes for the hair.

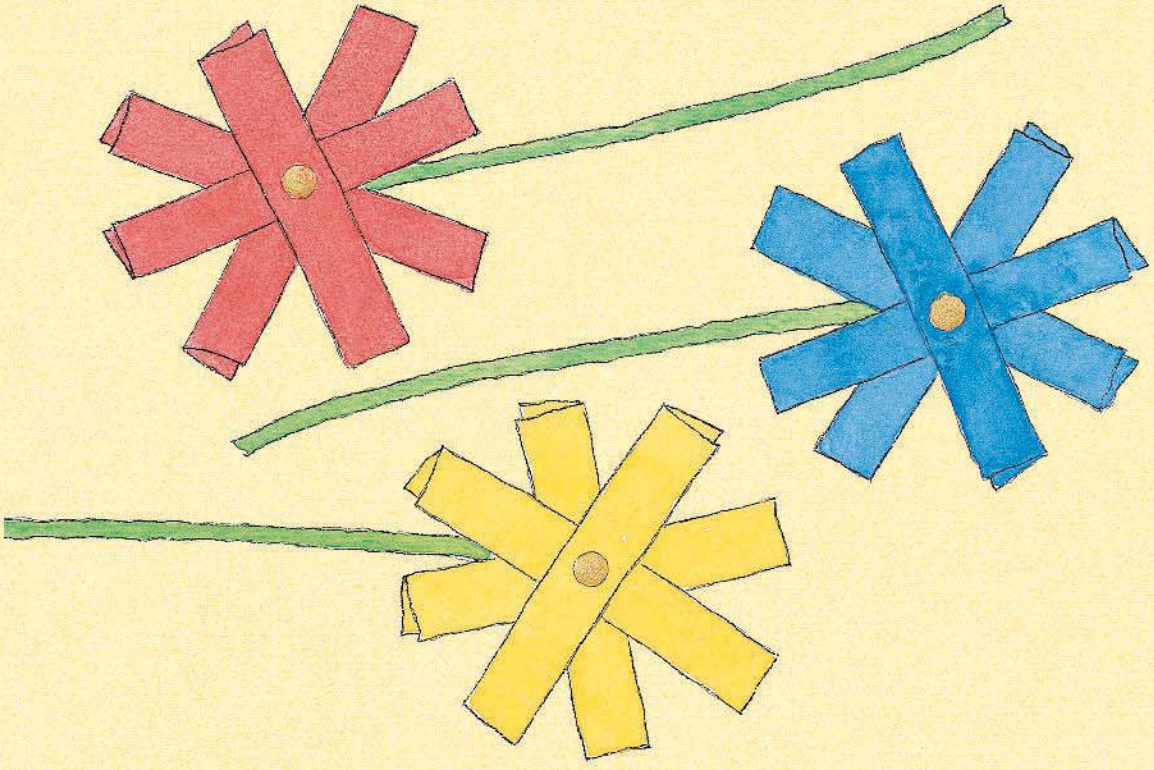
8. Slip the top of the sock cuff over the band cut from the margarine tub.

9. Snap the lid on over the sock covered edge of the band to secure the lid to the top of the sock.

Drop your spare coins through the mouth of the happy face to store them safely in the sock. Now you can "sock" away lots of money for a rainy day!



Plastic Bag Flowers



Here is what you need:

colorful plastic bags from stores



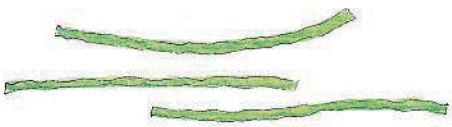
scissors

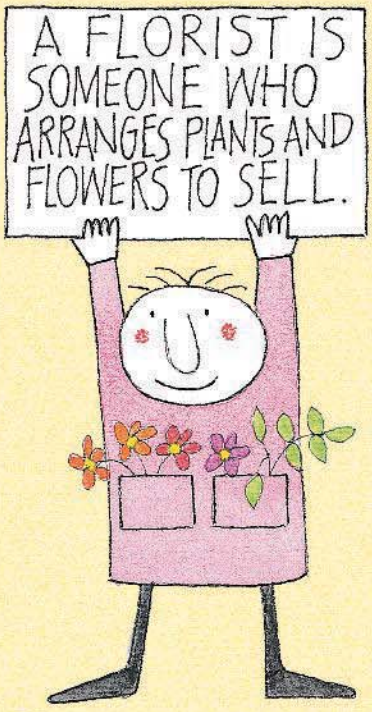


paper fasteners



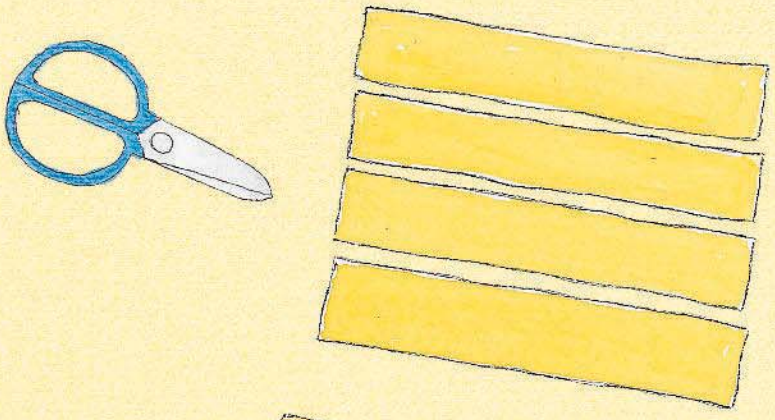
12-inch (30-cm) green pipe cleaners



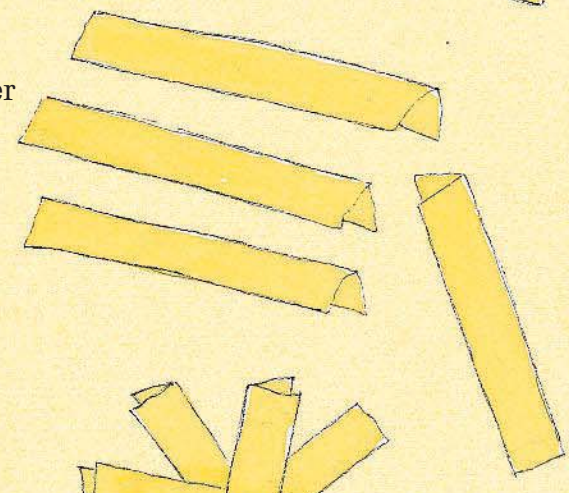


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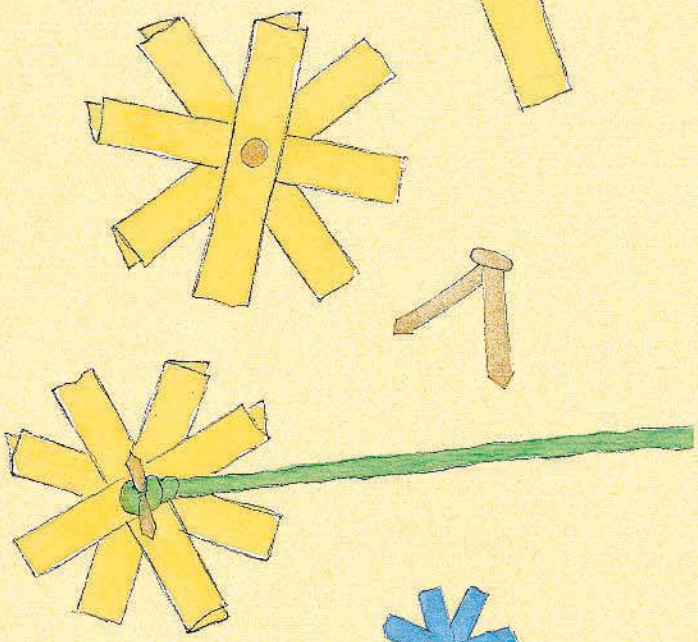
1. From the plastic bag, cut four 1-inch (2.5-cm) wide strips that are 6 inches (15 cm) long.



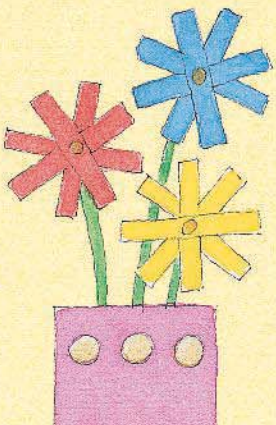
2. Fold each strip in half, with the color on the outside. Push a single paper fastener through the center of the strips to make an eight-petal flower. Spread the petals of the flower out evenly.



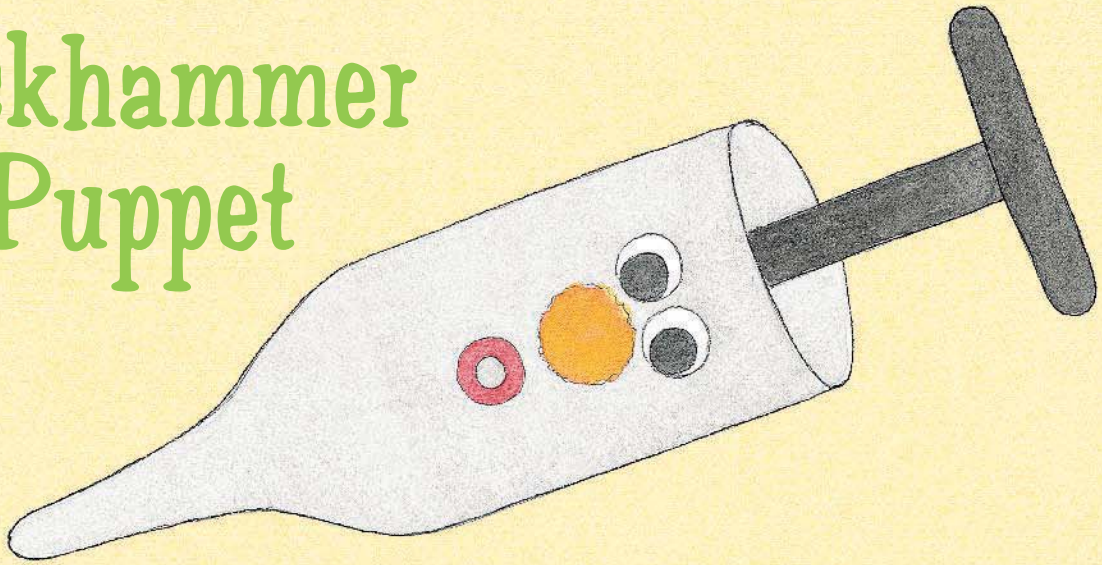
3. Fold the end of a green pipe cleaner over the arms of the paper fastener and twist the pipe cleaner around itself to secure the fold. Bend the two arms of the paper fastener out in opposite directions to secure the flower to the stem.



Make a pretty bouquet of different colored flowers and arrange them in a pretty container. Pretend you're a florist, and deliver these flowers to someone you like.



Jackhammer Puppet



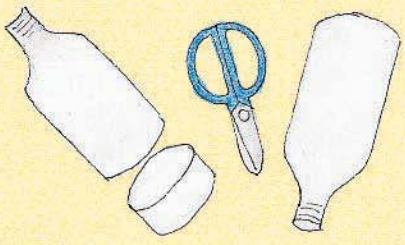
Here is what you need:

- 16-ounce plastic soda or water bottle
- two wooden tongue-depressor sticks
- aluminum foil
- pom-pom
- craft stick
- black and red markers
- white craft glue
- masking tape
- scissors
- two wiggle eyes
- hole reinforcer

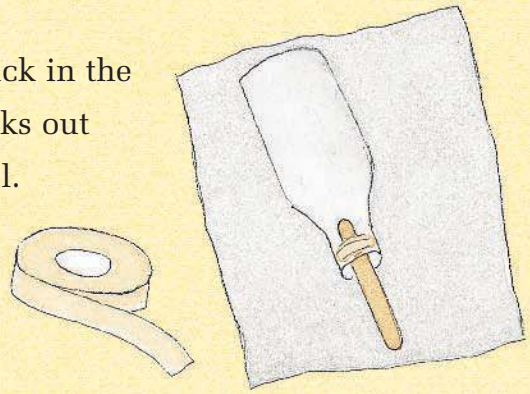


Here is what you do:

1. Cut the bottom off the plastic bottle. Turn the bottle upside down so that the spout becomes the bottom of the jackhammer.



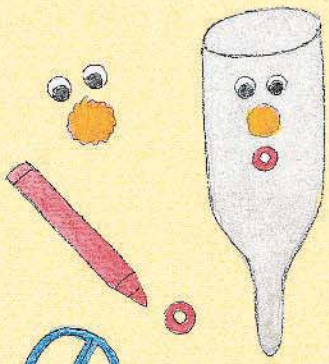
2. Use masking tape to tape one end of the craft stick in the spout of the bottle so that about half of the stick sticks out of the bottle to form the base of the jackhammer drill.



3. Wrap the jackhammer in aluminum foil to cover it.

4. Glue the two eyes on the upper part of the side of the jackhammer.

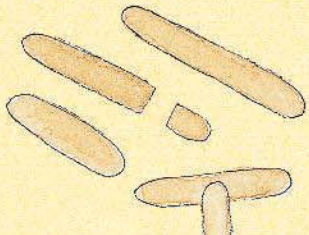
5. Glue the pom-pom on below the eyes for a nose.



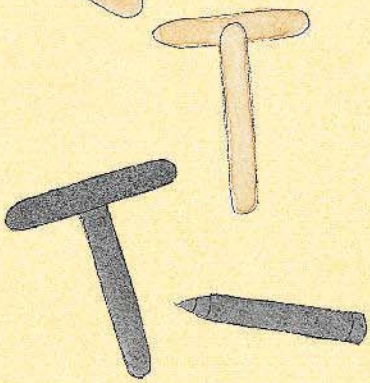
6. Color the hole reinforcer red with the marker. Stick the red hole reinforcer on the jackhammer below the nose for a mouth.

7. Cut the end off one of the tongue-depressor sticks so that the stick is about 4 inches long.

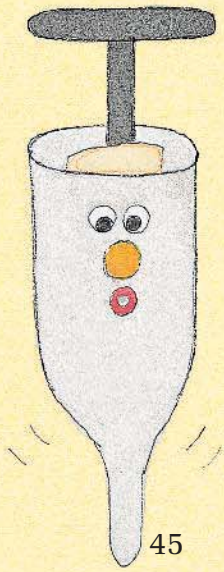
8. Glue the cut stick across one end of the second stick to make a handle for the jackhammer.



9. Use the black marker to color the handle.

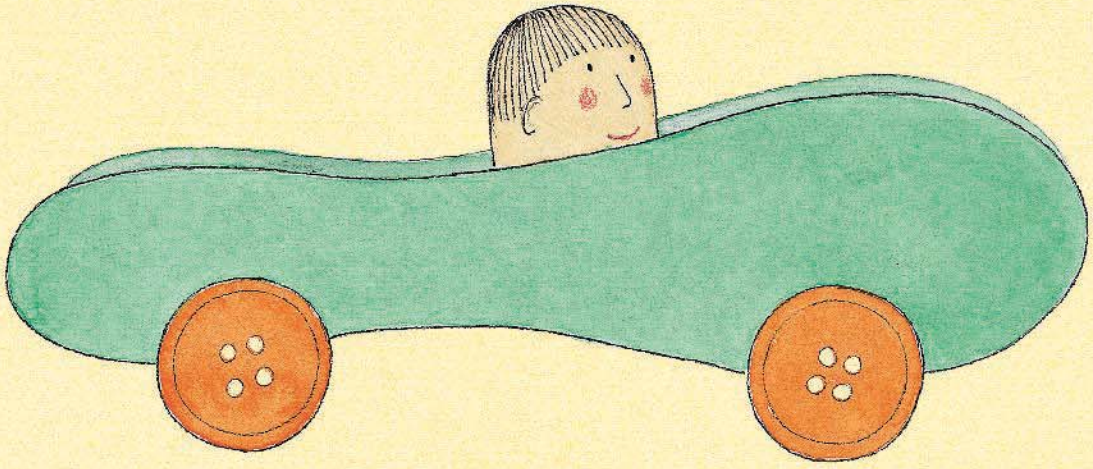


10. Use masking tape to tape the bottom of the handle inside the front top of the jackhammer.



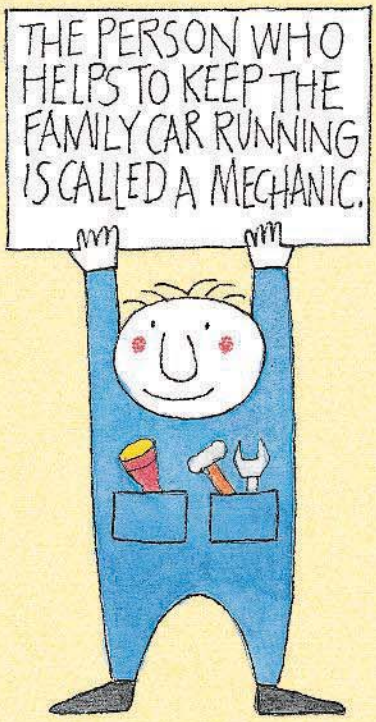
To make this jackhammer puppet really sound and vibrate like a real one, ask the grownup in your house if you can borrow the base of an inexpensive electric toothbrush. Just turn the toothbrush on and drop it inside the top of the jackhammer for a very realistic-sounding jackhammer puppet.

"Check Under the Hood" Car



Here is what you need:

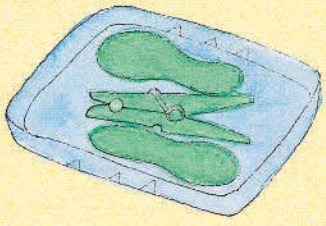
- two wooden clamp clothespins
- wooden tongue-depressor stick
- poster paint and a paintbrush
- white craft glue
- two wooden ice cream spoons
- aluminum foil
- Styrofoam tray for drying
- markers
- four buttons
- scissors



Here is what you do:

1. Paint one of the clothespins and both sides of both ice cream spoons. Let them dry on the Styrofoam tray.





2. To make the car, glue an ice cream spoon on each side of the painted clothespin with the larger, eating end of the spoons at the end of the clothespin that opens up. Use the second clamp clothespin to clamp over the two sides of the "car" to hold the pieces in place while the glue dries. When the glue is dry, remove the extra clothespin.

3. Glue two buttons on each side of the car for wheels.

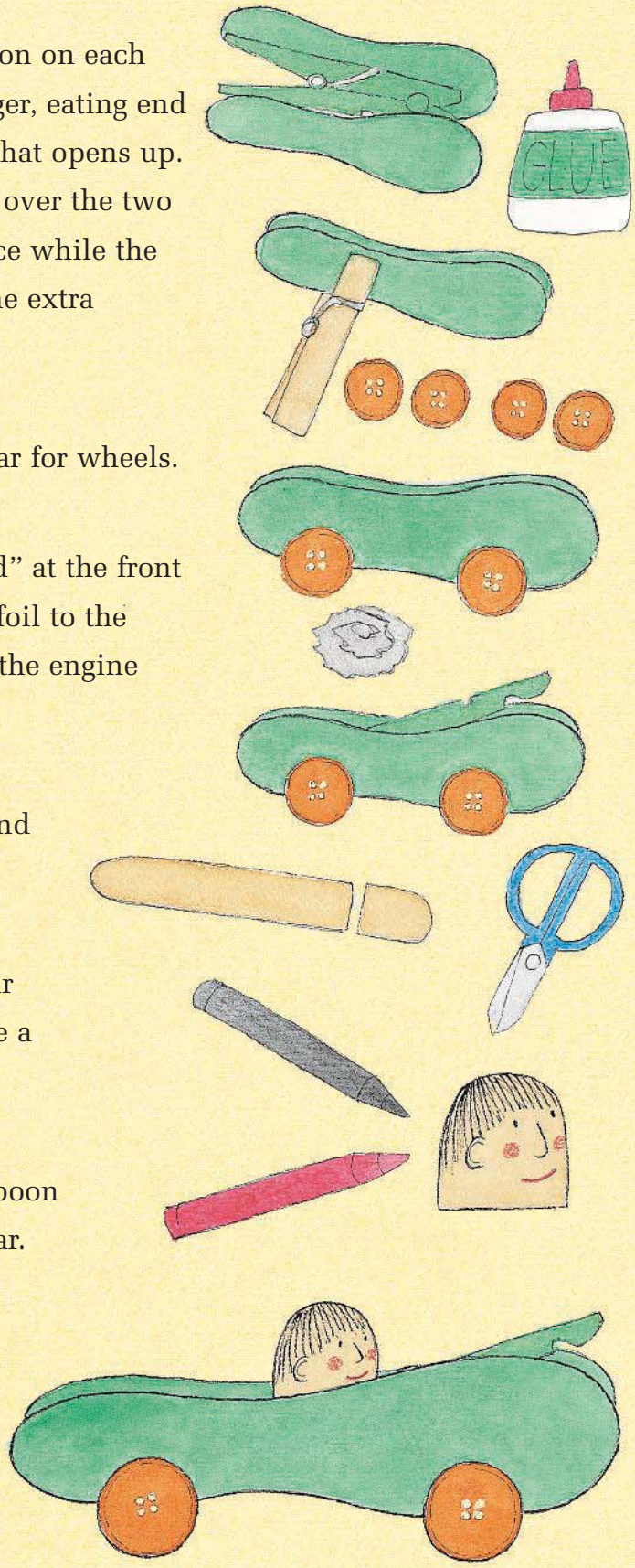
4. Pinch the clothespin to "open the hood" at the front of the car. Glue a small piece of crumpled foil to the bottom of the open clothespin to look like the engine of the car.

5. Cut a 1-inch (2.5-cm) piece from one end of the wooden tongue-depressor stick.

6. Use the markers to draw a face and hair on the end piece cut from the stick to make a "driver" for the car.

7. Glue the driver between the wooden spoon and the clothespin on the left side of the car.

Could you check under the hood, please?



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